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House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers, R-Mich., leaves a press conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. The chairs of both the House and Senate intelligence committees prodded President Barack Obama on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, to take decisive action against the growing threats from Islamic State militants on U.S. soil. "His foreign policy is in absolute free-fall," Rogers said of President Barack Obama. (AP Photo/Scott Applewhite)

Intel Chiefs Prod Obama on Islamic State Risk

PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)— Leaders of the House and Senate intelligence committees on Sunday prodded President Barack Obama to take decisive action

against what they say are growing threats from Islamic State militants on U.S. soil. The lawmakers, one Republican and one Democratic, offered bipartisan pressure on the White House to turn back the hazard of Islamist

fighters who have taken control of vast swaths of Syria and Iraq. Those militants now are looking toward the United States or Western Europe for their next targets, lawmakers said.

Without offering specifics on any threats or suggestions how to confront them, the lawmakers said Obama soon needs to develop a comprehensive strategy to crush the Islamic State fighters.

"His foreign policy is in absolute free-fall," said Rep. Mike Rogers, a Michigan Republican who heads the House Intelligence Committee.

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Philippine troops pull 'greatest escape' in Golan



Philippine military chief Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang answers questions from reporters about the situation of Filipino peacekeepers in Golan Heights, during a press conference at Camp Aguinaldo military headquarters in suburban Quezon city, Philippines on Sunday Aug. 31, 2014. Catapang said more than 70 Filipino peacekeepers have escaped from two areas in the Golan Heights that came under attack by Syrian rebels. (AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

Under cover of darkness, 40 Filipino peacekeepers made a daring escape after being surrounded and under fire for seven hours by Syrian rebels in the Golan Heights, Philippine officials said Sunday, leaving 44 Fijian troops still in the hands of the al-Qaida-linked insurgents.

"We may call it the greatest escape," Philippine military chief Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang said.

The peacekeepers became trapped after Syrian rebels entered the U.N.-patrolled buffer zone between Syria and Israel this past week, seizing 44 Fijian soldiers and demanding that their Filipino colleagues surrender. The Filipinos, occupying two U.N. encampments, refused and fought the rebels Saturday. The first group of 35 peacekeepers was then successfully escorted out of a U.N. encampment in Breiqa by Irish and Filipino forces on board armored vehicles.

The remaining 40 peacekeepers were besieged at the second encampment, called Rwhana, by more than 100 gunmen who rammed the camp's gates with their trucks and fired mortar rounds. The Filipinos returned fire in self-defense, Philippine military officials said.

At one point, Syrian government forces fired artillery rounds from a distance to prevent the Filipino peacekeepers from being overwhelmed, said Col. Roberto Ancan, a Philippine military official who helped monitor the tense standoff from the Philippine capital, Manila, and mobilize support for the besieged troops.

"Although they were surrounded and outnumbered, they held their ground for seven hours," Catapang said in a news conference in Manila, adding that there were no Filipino casualties. "We commend our soldiers for exhibiting resolve even while under heavy fire."

As night fell and a cease-

fire took hold, the 40 Filipinos fled with their weapons, traveling across the chilly hills for nearly two hours before meeting up with other U.N. forces, who escorted them to safety early Sunday, Philippine officials said. During the siege, the Philippine secretaries of defense and foreign affairs, along with the country's top military brass, gathered at military headquarters in Manila to communicate with the Filipino forces and help guide them out of danger. The Syrian and Israeli governments, along with the United States and Qatar, provided support, the Philippine military said without elaborating.

"If they held their ground, they could have been massacred because they were already running low on ammunition," Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin told The Associated Press. "So we discussed with them the option of escape and evasion."

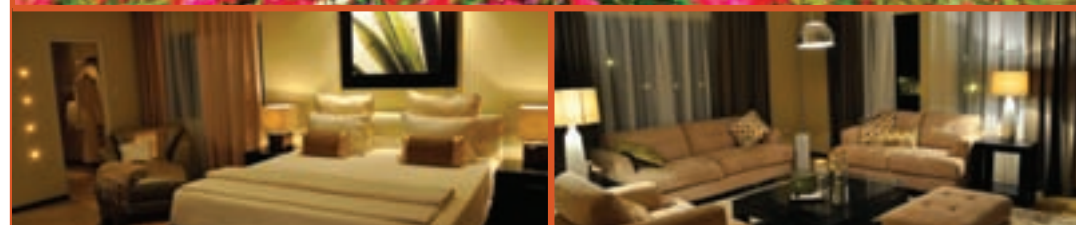
Philippine military officials believed there may have been rebel casualties in the fighting in Rwhana. President Benigno Aquino III, Gazmin said, praised efforts that brought the Filipino peacekeepers to safety but wanted to be sure they could not be targeted by rebel retaliatory attacks.

In New York, the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, or UNDOF, whose mission is to monitor a 1974 disengagement in the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria, reported that shortly after midnight local time, during a cease-fire agreed with the armed elements, all 40 Filipino peacekeepers left their position and "arrived in a safe location one hour later." The Filipinos escaped during the cease-fire because they refused to agree to surrender as the insurgents demanded, Philippine military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala said.

Another group of 32 Filipino troops that had been trapped at a nearby encampment were extracted on Saturday morning with the help of Irish peacekeepers, the U.N. said. □



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Intel Chiefs prod Obama on Islamic State risk

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In another TV interview, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the California Democrat who leads the Senate intelligence panel, said Obama is perhaps "too cautious" in his approach to combatting the Islamic State group.

"This is a group of people who are extraordinarily dangerous," Feinstein said. "And they'll kill with abandon."

The pair of lawmakers, who have access to some of the nation's most sensitive secrets and receive regular and detailed briefings from U.S. spy agencies, offered dire predictions of an attack on the United States or its European allies if the militants are not confronted.

"They have announced that they don't intend to stop," Feinstein said. "They have announced that they will come after us if they can, that they will, quote, 'spill our blood.'"

The threat, Rogers said, could include Americans who have trained with Islamic State fighters. He said there are hundreds of Islamic State-trained Americans who can return to the United States with their American passports.

"I'm very concerned because we don't know every single person that has an American passport that has gone and trained and learned how to fight," Rogers said.

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Rogers said U.S. intelligence agencies were tracking the Americans who are known to have traveled to the region. Those people, he added, should be charged under existing laws that prohibit Americans from aiding terrorists.

An attack on a Western nation is the next goal for the group, Rogers said.

"ISIL would like to have a Western-style attack to continue this notion that they are the leading jihadist group in the world," Rogers said, using another name for the group.

The top Democrat on his intelligence panel, Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland, was more skeptical about an attack from Islamic State fighters in the United States. He said more needs to be known before judging whether they plan to commit terrorist acts here any time soon. Islamic State fighters are taking over territory and their priority for the moment seems to be to hold on to that land rather than export violence.

"It is extremely urgent, but you don't just rush in," he said.

It was a view shared by Rep. Adam Smith, a Washington state Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee: "We can't simply bomb first and ask questions later."

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican who serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urged

fast action and said Islamic State fighters "must be defeated, not contained," because they represent a direct threat to the U.S.

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unlike any other militants, she said.

Obama said Thursday that he did not yet have a strategy for dealing with the Islamic State group, a remark

the basketball analogy was wrong — "I think it's a major varsity team" — but would not say whether she thought not having a strategy yet, as Obama ac-



Senate intelligence committee chair, Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Cal., left, speaks at a Capitol Hill news conference in Washington. Feinstein and the chair of the House intelligence committee prodded President Barack Obama on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, to take decisive action against the growing threats from Islamic State militants on U.S. soil. "I think I've learned one thing about this president, and that is he's very cautious," she said. "Maybe in this instance, too cautious."

(AP Photo/Ann Heisenfeld)

Committee member Rep. Peter King, a New York Republican: "The longer we wait, the more dangerous" the group becomes.

Feinstein said she has seen nothing that compares to the viciousness of the militants who have overrun large portions of Iraq, killed civilians and beheaded American journalist James Foley. The Islamic State group has financing, military structure and weapons

that brought criticism from both Democrats and Republicans. In an interview published early this year by The New Yorker magazine, the president appeared to minimize the Islamic State group by comparing it to a junior varsity basketball team. The White House later said he was speaking about a different threat posed by a range of extremists across the world. Feinstein said she thought

knowledgeable on Thursday, projected weakness from the White House.

"I think I've learned one thing about this president, and that is he's very cautious," she said. "Maybe in this instance, too cautious. I do know that the military, I know that the State Department, I know that others have been putting plans together. And so hopefully, those plans will coalesce into a strategy." □



Ferguson slowly starting to make comeback

JIM SALTER

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Missouri (AP)

— Hundreds of people converged on Ferguson on Saturday to march for Michael Brown, the unarmed black 18-year-old who was shot and killed by a white police officer three weeks ago to the day. His death stoked a national discourse about police tactics and race, which the rally's organizers pledged to continue.

At the same time unmistakable signs of healing are beginning to dot Ferguson, even the small area of the St. Louis-area suburb that was the center of international attention after protests erupted over the shooting of Brown.

Businesses along a stretch



Ferguson Police Capt. D. McBride orders protesters back to the sidewalk at a demonstration in front of the police station in Ferguson, Mo. on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014 for Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old who was fatally shot by a white police officer three weeks earlier. Protesters ignored his order, instead moving further up the driveway.

(AP Photo/St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert Cohen)

of West Florissant Avenue that were victimized by looting are replacing boarded up windows, with signs out front read-

ing, "Open For Business," although merchants say business hasn't come close to recovering from the aftermath of the fatal

shooting of Brown. People who have been too scared to take their kids out of the home are milling about once again. A barbecue joint nearly torn apart hasn't been fully repaired, but an outdoor grill fills the air with a tantalizing smoky aroma.

"Look at those signs over there," Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson said as his SUV drove past a row of tidy ranch-style homes, all with "I Love Ferguson" signs in their front yards. "A few days ago those signs would have been ripped up or thrown in a trash can or painted on. And they stand today. That is definitely symbolic of marching down the road toward solutions and a better tomorrow."

On Saturday, Brown's parents and other relatives, led a peaceful march down Canfield Drive to a makeshift memorial that marked the spot where Brown was shot Aug. 9 by Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson.

"We know that his life is not going to be in vain," the Rev. Spencer Booker of St. Louis' St. Paul A.M.E. Church said into a megaphone, standing in the middle of the street amid candles, placards, stuffed animals and now-wilted flowers. "We know you're going to even the score, God. We know you're going to make the wrong right." Brown's parents — mother Lesley McSpadden and father Michael Brown Sr. — encircled the memorial with other family members during prayers, including one by a Muslim clergy member.

Hours later, hundreds of protesters again gathered in front of the suburban police department and fire station, blocking the road.

Fiery speeches by way of speakers mounted to a car gave way to another march, with chants of, "If we can't have it, we're shutting it down."

Some lobbed angry insults at a line of Ferguson officers and state police who stood guard at a taped-off section of the city parking lot, but the numbers of protesters dwindled to double digits by late afternoon.

Wilson, a six-year police veteran, has not been charged. A St. Louis County grand jury is considering evidence in the case, and federal investigators are sorting out whether Brown's civil rights were violated.

There was a muted police presence Saturday during the march, which began on a West Florissant Avenue stretch that became the nexus of nightly protests — some contentious and violent — and looting in the days after Brown's death. Johnson, whom Missouri's governor put in charge of security in Ferguson, was there, at times posing with rally attendees for selfies.

Saturday morning's gathering included tailgaters and people hawking T-shirts memorializing Brown or featuring the slogan, "Hands up, Don't Shoot" — a phrase that reflects what witnesses have said Brown did in surrender before being shot. Police have said the shooting happened after a struggle between Brown and Wilson in Wilson's patrol vehicle, though authorities have said little else, citing the investigations.

"We're just three weeks into this, and this is only the beginning of this movement," said Jerryl Christmas, a St. Louis attorney who helped lead Saturday's march and others in the past. □

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Obama's delay on immigration creates uncertainty



Immigration supporters demonstrate in front of the White House in Washington. President Barack Obama's possible delay in taking action on immigration has created uncertainty among advocates and lawmakers from both parties, barely two months before the November national elections.

(Doug Mills/ The New York Times)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's possible delay in taking action on immigration has created uncertainty among advocates and lawmakers from both parties, barely two months before the November national elections. Democrats who were bracing for the impact that Obama's long-awaited announcement would have on their campaigns are now rethinking aspects of their campaign strategy. Republicans who were considering legislative attempts to block Obama must reconsider whether that's the best use of the few remaining work weeks before Election Day.

And immigration advocates, already frustrated by how long it's taken Obama to act, must decide whether to pressure the president publicly to stop stalling or remain hopeful he'll give them a favorable outcome in the end.

Obama in June said that by the end of the summer, he'd announce what steps he had decided to take to fix the U.S. immigration system in the absence of a legislative fix from Congress. But Obama backed away from that deadline on Thursday, and the White

House on Friday acknowledged it was possible the decision would slip past the end of summer. It was unclear whether any delay would be a mere matter of weeks or could push the announcement past the November elections.

"The president is determined to take the kinds of steps that are available to him," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest. But he added he had no details about when that would happen.

Reluctant to be seen as putting on the brakes for political reasons, White House officials suggested that if the decision slips past summer, it would be because of the situation on the border, not the election.

For months, the Obama administration has been working to stem the surge of unaccompanied minors crossing into the U.S. Those numbers have declined, but officials have said the numbers could creep back up as cooler temperatures arrive.

The White House has been coy about what options Obama is considering, but much of the focus has centered on steps Obama could take to defer deportations for millions of people in the U.S. illegally, effectively granting them permission to remain and work

in the U.S. Republicans say that's beyond Obama's authority and even a few endangered Democrats have said Obama should look to Congress to take that step.

For Democrats, who are fighting most of their toughest races this year in conservative-leaning states where Obama is unpopular, presidential action has been seen as a likely liability in the election, fueling Republican arguments that Obama is exceeding his authority and that he and Democrats are refusing to enforce immigration laws. Chris Lehane, a California-based Democratic strategist, said the timing of Obama's action could affect whether voters enthusiastic about immigration show up to vote. □

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US Political Scene:

Surly 2014 electorate poised to keep incumbents in

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A surly electorate that holds Congress in even lower regard than unpopular President Barack Obama doesn't seem likely to throw lawmakers out, with at least 365 incumbents in the 435-member House and 18 of 28 senators on a smooth path to another term when ballots are counted Nov. 4. With less than 10 weeks to the elections, Republicans and Democrats who assess the nationwide contests say the power of incumbency trumps the sour public mood and antipathy toward gridlocked Washington.

"Despite the incredibly low polling, favorable ratings for Congress, it's still an incumbent's world," said Sheila Krumholz, executive director of the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks political money.

That leaves many voters angry, not only with the political reality but their inability to change it.

"I can't get over where they say people are going to be able to keep their seats when they're not doing their jobs. I just don't understand it," said retired teacher Pauline Legendre after voting in Minnesota's Democratic primary on Aug. 12.

The voter disgust is palpable, evident in blistering comments at summertime town hall meetings with lawmakers and middling percentages for incumbents in primaries. Yet no sitting senator has lost and only three members of the House got the boot in primary election contests. Come Election Day, only a fraction of the electorate will be motivated enough

to vote, if history is any guide.

Congressional hopefuls are whipsawed by the two dynamics.

"It's going to be a challenge for any candidate running for Congress to suggest that they have all the answers or that somehow there's something about them that's so inspiring" that voters are going to forget "how disenchanted or disaffected they are

presidency. Five Democratic retirements give the Republicans a clear shot to capture control. So do races in conservative-leaning states such as Louisiana, North Carolina and Arkansas, where white Southern Democrats are rare.

Republicans figures they are halfway to their goal, with a solid advantage in open contests in South Dakota, West Virginia and Montana. Republicans

expected to be a record flow of campaign cash. The parties' campaign committees and their allied outside groups are spending at a rate certain to exceed the \$3.6 billion price tag of the 2010 non-presidential year national election.

Democrats lost 63 House seats in the 2010 election and their majority to Republicans. But Republicans do not expect a compa-

months, fewer than two dozen House Democrats and Republicans are in real jeopardy in November.

Republicans are counting on opposition to Obama to motivate the party's core voters. To counter, Democrats have sent 444 organizers to 48 districts to get out the vote. An additional 250-plus are ready for the September-to-November sprint as the party typically faces a drop-off in voting in non-presidential year elections.

The Democratic Party is using reminder pledge cards that say "1 million votes for 2014," which is the number they say decided 65 competitive House races in 2012. Democrats maintain that they had a shot two years ago, but Obama's miserable performance in his first presidential debate doomed his party's chances. It's an uphill fight as the president's party typically loses seats in a non-presidential election year.

At a meeting last month with small business owners and workers at a wood fabricating plant in Quarryville, Pennsylvania, Republican Rep. Joe Pitts got an earful from farmer, Michael Appel, 48, who pressed the nine-term congressman to do more to stop Obama.

"I'm wondering, especially when it comes to Obamacare, how the House is going to start holding the president accountable for making law out of whole cloth?" Appel asked, referring to Obama's signature health care reform legislation. "It's not that we wouldn't like to, it's a matter of what we can do," Pitts responded. "You need the House, the Senate and the president. The problem is we don't have those two." □



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, left, performs a mock swearing in for Rep. Dan Maffei, D-N.Y., right, on Capitol Hill in Washington. The election of 2014 is an election of contradictions. A surly electorate holds President Barack Obama in low regard and gives Congress even worse marks, yet for all their anger, a historic few are motivated enough to vote and those that do are poised to "keep the bums in."

with government at the federal level," said one candidate, Ryan Costello. The Republican is seeking an open House seat in southeast Pennsylvania, where just 12 percent of Republican voters turned out in the May primary.

Still, the candidates press ahead.

Republicans are laser-focused on gaining the six seats needed to grab the Senate majority and control Congress for the remainder of Obama's

are optimistic about the open seat in Iowa, less so about Michigan and energized by their prospects in Colorado and Alaska. If a Republican wave materializes, it could be in the Senate.

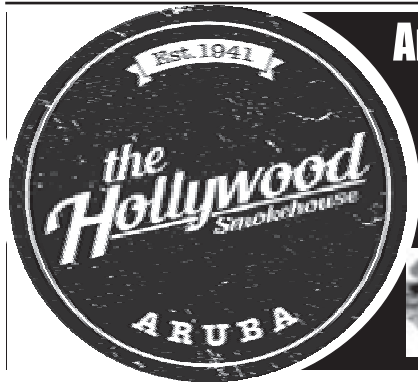
In the House, Republicans are expected to pad their majority, which now is 233-199 with three vacancies. The goal is to match or surpass the 246 seats the Republicans held from 1947-49.

Fueling the battle is what's

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

rable sweep in 2014 simply because redistricting reduced the number of opportunities. On that, Democrats agree, though an Obama decision on immigration could change the dynamic. Obama is considering steps to defer deportations for millions of people in the U.S. illegally in the absence of legislation from Congress, but may delay taking action until after the election.

As the election campaign season hits the final



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Atlantic City losing 2 casinos, 5K jobs in 3 days



This photo shows the exterior of the Showboat Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. The Showboat closed on Sunday Aug. 31, 2014.

(AP Photo/Wayne Parry)

WAYNE PARRY Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — A time few could imagine during the not-too-distant glory days of casino gambling has arrived in Atlantic City, where two casinos will close this weekend and a third will shut down in two weeks. More than 5,000 workers will lose their jobs in an unprecedented weekend in the seaside gambling resort, leaving many feeling betrayed by a system that once promised stable, well-paying jobs. The Showboat is closing Sunday, followed by Revel on Monday and Tuesday. Trump Plaza is next, closing Sept. 16. To the thousands who will be left behind, it still seems unreal. "We never thought this would happen," said Chris Ireland, who has been a bartender at the Showboat since it opened. His

wife works there, too, as a cocktail server. Before dinnertime Sunday, neither will have a job. What makes it even tougher to swallow is that the Showboat — one of four Atlantic City casinos owned by Caesars Entertainment — is still turning a profit. But the company says it is closing Showboat to help reduce the total number of casinos in Atlantic City. Caesars also teamed with Tropicana Entertainment to buy the Atlantic Club last December and close it in January. "They just want to eliminate competition," Ireland said. "Everyone's in favor of a free market until it doesn't exactly work for them." Yet many analysts and casino executives say the painful contraction now shrinking Atlantic City's casino market is exactly what the city needs to survive. Since 2006, Atlantic City's

casino revenue has fallen from \$5.2 billion to \$2.86 billion last year, and it will fall further this year. Atlantic City will end the year with eight casinos after beginning the year with 12. New casinos popping up in an already saturated Northeastern U.S. gambling market aren't expanding the overall pie but are slicing it into ever-smaller pieces. Fewer casinos could mean better financial performance for the survivors. Resorts Casino Hotel, which was on the verge of closing a few years ago, completed a remarkable turnaround in the second quarter of this year, swinging

from a \$1.3 million loss last year to a \$1.9 million profit this year. "I truly believe that eight remaining casinos can all do very well when the gambling market is right-sized," said Resorts president Mark Giannantonio. That may be true, but it is little comfort to workers who are losing their jobs. By the time Trump Plaza shuts down in two weeks, nearly 8,000 people — or a quarter of Atlantic City's casino workforce — will be unemployed. A mass unemployment filing due to begin Wednesday is so large it has been booked into the city's convention center.



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NEW YORK - On an evening last week during the last stretch of summer, 385 people arrived at the studios of LTV, a cable-access programmer in Wainscott, on the East End of Long Island, for a town-hall meeting to discuss mounting aural assaults from commuter helicopters going to and from Manhattan. The issue had been igniting tempers

stituents ever complained about the prohibition. "So it is the height of irony that we should become the dustbin for the East Hampton airport." Helicopter traffic at the airport this summer has increased by close to 40 percent over last and with it has come a comparable rise in tension between the very affluent and the exceptionally rich. "Quality of life truly is be-

contempt directed at them by robber barons fleeing to Saratoga and Newport during July and August via the era's own elaborate and expensive means of transport, private rail cars or yachts. Richard Hofstadter, in his classic work of historical analysis "The Age of Reform," published in 1955, argued that it was the disgust and disruption felt by those who had previously occu-

actually poor. "To face the insolence of the local boss or traction magnate in a town where one's family had long been prominent was galling enough," Hofstadter wrote, "it was still harder to bear at a time when every fortune, every career, every reputation, seemed smaller and less significant because it was measured against the Vanderbilts, Harrimans, Goulds, Carnegies, Rock-

houses as distinctions without a difference.

Every fall, this dynamic of envy-repulsion finds renewed context in the private-school world of the city's most exclusive neighborhoods, where parents who trudge to school with their children on foot find themselves exercised by those who drop them off in Town Cars; and parents who spend \$2,000 a year on SAT tutors mine their outrage over those who are able to afford 10 times that or more. (Last week, a piece in Business Insider profiled a Manhattan SAT tutor who charges \$1,500 for 90-minute sessions delivered through Skype.)

As in the early 20th century, however, the subject of inequality, especially in New York, began to dominate conversation in our own age, once those near, but hardly reigning at, the top started to feel acutely affected by it.

And today, the urban upper-middle class again animates progressive politics. A current example is the candidacy of Zephyr Teachout, a Manhattan legal academic, who with her running mate, Tim Wu, another Manhattan legal academic, is challenging Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in the Democratic primary on the grounds that he has been too submissive to the interests of big money, and that Wall Street generally has wielded too much influence - too much of it pernicious - over the lives of New Yorkers.

The fight against helicopters on Long Island has involved many in local politics for the first time and empowered others to realize that they can call upon government to rectify imbalances that may seem like variances in lifestyle, but have broader resonance. What may fail to result in easy victory might in the end serve as an incentive to a more expansive activism. □



A passenger takes a selfie after arriving by helicopter to the East Hampton Airport in Wainscott, N.Y. Helicopter traffic here has increased by more than 40 percent over last summer, and with it has come a comparable rise in tensions between the exceptionally rich and the merely very affluent.

(Gordon M. Grant/The New York Times)

all season - especially in the communities of Shelter Island, the Springs and parts of the North Fork, areas where a lot of the noise has been absorbed and where local self-perception runs less toward the glossy and indulgent than it does elsewhere on the East End. "In 2007 we banned helicopters," Jim Dougherty, Shelter Island's town supervisor, told me, pointing out that none of his con-

ing diminished for commercial greed and the convenience of the same people who burned the economy," a longtime Shelter Island summer resident said to me. "When I look up at small planes and choppers I see a fleet of middle fingers across the sky." At the turn of the last century it was the bourgeoisie in New York and other major cities who might have envisioned similar gestures of

pied the highest ranks of the social order toward the new superseding class of self-lavishing bankers and industrialists that ultimately allowed the Progressive movement to flourish. The undermining of status radicalized the formerly complacent, and class politics took shape because one segment of the population had so much money that the merely respectable could now identify with the

efellers and Morgans." A survey of Progressive Party leaders in 1912, he noted, revealed how overwhelmingly urban and middle-class they were. None were farmers and only one came from labor. It is easy, of course, to mock the grievances of those driving their \$40,000 Volvos to \$1 million summer houses against those spending thousands on helicopter rides to their \$10 million



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Iraqi forces break militant siege of Shiite town

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi security forces and Shiite militiamen on Sunday broke a six-week siege imposed by the Islamic State extremist group on the northern Shiite Turkmen town of Amirli, as a suicide bombing killed 14 people in Anbar western province, officials said.

Army spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said the operation started at dawn Sunday and the forces entered the town shortly after midday.

Speaking live on state TV, al-Moussawi said the forces suffered "some casualties," but did not give a specific number. He said fighting was "still ongoing to clear the surrounding villages."

Breaking the siege was a "big achievement and an

important victory" he said, for all involved: the Iraqi army, elite troops, Kurdish fighters and Shiite militias.

Turkmen lawmaker Fawzi Akram al-Tarzi said they entered the town from two directions and were distributing aid to residents.

About 15,000 Shiite Turkmen were stranded in the farming community, some 105 miles (170 kilometers) north of Baghdad. Instead of fleeing in the face of the Islamic State group's rampage across northern Iraq in June, the Shiite Turkmen stayed and fortified their town with trenches and armed positions.

Residents succeeded in fending off the initial attack in June, but Amirli has been surrounded by the militants since mid-July. Many residents said the Iraqi military's efforts to fly in

food, water and other aid had not been enough, as they endured the oppressive August heat with virtually no electricity or running water.

Nihad al-Bayati, who had taken up arms with fellow residents to defend the

town, said some army units had already entered while the Shiite militiamen were stationed in the outskirts. He said residents had fired into the air to celebrate the arrival of the troops.

"We thank God for this victory over terrorists," al-

Bayati told The Associated Press by phone from the outskirts of Amirli. "The people of Amirli are very happy to see that their ordeal is over and that the terrorists are being defeated by Iraqi forces. It is a great day in our life."



Iraqi Shiite Turkmen disembark from an Iraqi Army helicopter aid flight that brought supplies to Amirli, a town that had been completely surrounded by militants with the Islamic State group since mid-July, after being evacuated from Amirli, in al-Muthana airport, Baghdad, Iraq.

(AP Photo)

Lesotho's leader escapes an apparent military coup

ADAM NOSSITER
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DAKAR, Senegal - A military coup in the tiny southern African kingdom of Lesotho has chased out the prime minister and apparently put the army in control of the landlocked nation, witnesses and journalists in the capital said this weekend. Residents woke to the sound of gunfire before dawn Saturday, with soldiers storming the seat of government in the capital, Maseru, apparently looking for Prime Minister Thomas Thabane, said the publisher of The Lesotho Times, Basildon Peta, in an interview from Maseru.

Speaking with Al-Jazeera from South Africa, where he had sought refuge, Thabane said: "They were

all over the State House looking for me. What they were hoping to do, I don't know."

The army is "doing what it wants to do without any recourse to lawful authority," he said. "All these things can only manifest one thing, a government that cannot be regarded as normal. When you put it all together, that leads to a coup d'état."

Lesotho, a mountainous country of 1.9 million, is surrounded by South Africa. Its political life, turbulent since independence from Britain in 1966, has featured at least three coups, Peta said. Just this year there was an attack on the residence of Thabane's girlfriend, he said.

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Islamist militia now guards US Embassy in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — An Islamist-allied militia group in control of Libya's capital now guards the U.S. Embassy and its residential compound, a commander said Sunday, as onlookers toured the abandoned homes of diplomats who fled the country more than a month ago.

An Associated Press journalist saw holes left by small-arms and rocket fire dotting the residential compound, reminders of weeks of violence between rival militias over control of Tripoli that sparked the evacuation.

The breach of a deserted U.S. diplomatic post — including images of men earlier swimming in the compound's algae-filled pools — likely will reinvigorate debate in the U.S.

over its role in Libya, more than three years after supporting rebels who toppled dictator Moammar Gadhafi. It also comes just before the two-year anniversary of the slaying of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans in Libya.

A commander for the Dawn of Libya group, Moussa Abu-Zaqia, told the AP that his forces had been guarding the residential compound since last week, a day after it has seized control of the capital and its international airport after weeks of fighting with a rival militia. Abu-Zaqia said the rival militia from Zintan was in the compound before his troops took it over.

Some windows at the compound had been broken,



In this photo taken during a tour offered to onlookers and journalists by the Dawn of Libya militia on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, damage is seen in the front yard of a building at the U.S. Embassy compound in Tripoli, Libya, after weeks of violence between rival militias over control of the capital. (AP Photo)

but it appeared most of the equipment there remained untouched. The AP journalist saw treadmills, weight benches and protein bars in the compound's abandoned gym.

Forks, knives and napkins set for a banquet sat on one table, while a cantina still had cornflakes, vinegar, salt and pepper sitting out.

Some papers lay strewn on

the floor, but it didn't appear that the villas in the compound had been ransacked.

Abu-Zaqia said his militia had asked cleaners to come to spruce up the grounds.

Another Dawn of Libya commander, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to speak by his leaders, told the AP that the U.S. Embassy, about a kilometer (half a mile) away, also was under guard by his militia-men.

"We've secured the location and the assets of the embassy," he said. "We've informed our command ... immediately after entering the place following the exit of the rival militia. The place is secure and under protection." □

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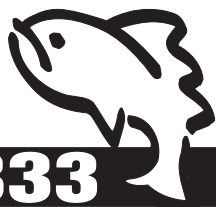


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On Islamic State group: Saudi king warns of threat to Europe, US

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Associated Press
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)

— The king of Saudi Arabia has warned that extremists could attack Europe and the U.S. if there is not a strong international response to terrorism after the Islamic State group seized a wide territory across Iraq and Syria.

While not mentioning any terrorist groups by name, King Abdullah's statement appeared aimed at drawing Washington and NATO forces into a wider fight against the Islamic State group and its supporters in the region. Saudi Arabia openly backs rebels fighting Syrian President Bashar Assad, but is concerned that the breakaway al-Qaida group could also turn those very same weapons on the kingdom.

"If neglected, I am certain that after a month they will reach Europe and, after another month, America," he said at a reception for foreign ambassadors Friday. Official Saudi media carried the king's comments early Saturday. "These terrorists do not know the name of humanity and you have witnessed them severing heads and giving them to children to walk with in the street," the king said, urging the ambassadors to relay his message directly to their heads of state. The Islamic State group has been fighting moderate rebels, other extremists and Assad's forces in Syria for nearly three years. Iraq has faced an onslaught by the Sunni extremists and their supporters since early this year, and the country continues to be roiled by instability.

While providing arms and support to Sunni militants in Syria, Saudi Arabia has denied directly funding or backing the Islamic State group.

British officials raised the country's terror threat level Friday to "severe," its second-highest level, because of developments in Iraq and Syria, but there was no information to suggest an attack was imminent. The White House has said it does not expect the U.S. to bump up its terrorism threat warning level.

Saudi Arabia, a major U.S. ally in the region, has taken an increasingly active role in criticizing the Islamic State group. Earlier this month, the country's top cleric described the Islamic State group and al-Qaida as Islam's No. 1 enemy and said that Muslims have been their first victims. □



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Ukraine: Pro-Russian rebels fire on border guard vessel



Russian President Vladimir Putin holds a terrestrial globe presented to him as a gift during his meeting with participants in the youth educational forum at the Seliger youth camp near Lake Seliger in Tver region, Russia.

(AP Photo/Mikhail Klimentyev)

JIM HEINTZ

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday called on Ukraine to immediately

start talks on a political solution to the crisis in eastern Ukraine.

Hours later, Ukraine said a border guard vessel operating in the Azov Sea was

attacked by land-based forces. Pro-Russian rebels have recently opened a new offensive along the seacoast.

Putin's comment, made to national TV network Channel 1, said Ukraine should "hold substantive, meaningful talks, not about technical issues but about the question of the political organization of society and statehood in south-east Ukraine, with the goal of safeguarding the legitimate interests of those people who live there."

Despite the use of the word "statehood," Putin did not envision sovereignty for the two separatist eastern regions that style themselves as "Novorossiya" (New Russia), his spokesman Dmitry Peskov said later, accord-

ing to a Russian news report.

Putin's comments came a day after leaders of the European Union decided to put off any new sanctions against Russia for at least a week.

On Sunday, a spokesman for Ukraine's offensive against Russia-backed rebels said a border guard vessel has been fired on with artillery — apparently the first incident at sea in the fighting.

The spokesman, Oleksiy Dmitrashkovsky, said the attack occurred Sunday afternoon but he had no further information, including how many people were aboard the boat.

The attack took place amid heightened concern that the rebels are try-

ing to seize a land bridge between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia annexed in March.

Until this week, the area along the Azov Sea had escaped the fighting that has gripped areas farther north since April.

Russia previously has called for talks between the central government and the separatist rebels in the east, which Ukrainian forces have been fighting since April and Russia has pushed for federalization that would devolve more powers to the regions.

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko released a peace plan in June that proposed an unspecified level of decentralization of executive powers and budgetary matters.

EU leaders pick Italian as bloc's new top diplomat

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BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union leaders on Saturday picked Italian Foreign Minister Federica Mogherini, to become the 28-nation bloc's top diplomat for the next five years.

The decision comes as the crisis at the EU's eastern border pitting Ukraine against Russia poses one of the biggest foreign policy challenges for the bloc in decades.

"Federica Mogherini will be the new face of the European Union in our day-to-day dealings with our partners in the world," outgoing EU summit chairman Herman Van Rompuy said. Incumbent EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, whose term ends in October, has been a frequent interlocutor for U.S. secre-

taries of state and chairs the negotiations on Iran's nuclear program.

Mogherini, a 41-year-old center-left politician, has been Italy's foreign minister only since February, drawing criticism that she lacks experience. A first attempt to secure Mogherini's nomination in June failed amid resistance from eastern European leaders.

Addressing the criticism, Mogherini said she will draw on her experience as foreign minister of a Group of Seven country and her past experience as lawmaker.

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Protesters attend a protest rally in Hong Kong Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014. China's legislature's standing committee announced Sunday that all candidates must receive more than half of votes from a special nominating body to go before voters.
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No open nominations for Hong Kong leader: China

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 Associated Press**

BEIJING (AP) — China's legislature on Sunday ruled out allowing open nominations in the inaugural election for Hong Kong's leader, saying they would create a "chaotic society." Democracy activists in the Asian financial hub responded by saying that a long-threatened mass occupation of the heart of the city "will definitely happen." In setting tight limits on how far electoral reforms can go in Hong Kong, Beijing issued its firmest reminder yet that it's still in charge despite the substantial autonomy it promised the city after taking control from Britain in 1997. The guidelines laid down by China's communist leaders ratchet up the potential for a showdown pitting Beijing against Hong Kong democracy supporters, a group that represents a broad swath of

society, including students, religious leaders and financial workers. The decision by the legislature's powerful Standing Committee sharpens fears that China wants to screen candidates for loyalty to the central government and is reneging on its promise to let Hong Kong's leader be directly elected by voters, rather than the current committee of mostly pro-Beijing tycoons. "At this very moment, the path of dialogue has been exhausted," said Benny Tai, a leader of the Occupy Central with Love and Peace protest movement, which has vowed to rally at least 10,000 people to paralyze Hong Kong's financial district — known as Central — to press demands for genuine democracy. The group will launch "wave after wave of protest action" in the coming weeks "until we get to a point when we launch the all-out Occupy Central action," Tai told reporters.

Silva surges ahead in Brazil's polls

**BRAD BROOKS
 Associated Press**

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil's once humdrum presidential race now resembles one of the country's famed soap operas, with a newcomer thrust into the spotlight by a plane crash and the longtime favorite reeling from a one-two punch of bad news. With just over a month to go before the Oct. 5 vote, President Dilma Rousseff awoke to newspaper headlines Saturday announcing that Brazil's long-sputtering economy had officially entered recession for the first time in more than five years. Worse for her, perhaps, were the other banner headlines splashed on front pages: A poll showing Rousseff trailing her new rival Marina Silva by 10 percentage points if the election goes, as expected, to a second round.

"Yesterday must have been President Dilma's most difficult day in a long time — she only had awful news," wrote Merval Pereira, a political columnist for the O Globo newspaper. Silva was a peripheral figure in the election until Aug. 13, when a campaign plane crash killed Socialist Party candidate Eduardo Campos, who was running third, far behind Rousseff. Silva, who had been his vice presidential candidate, waited a week before officially filling Campos' spot on the ticket, and her star has rocketed upward since, fed by widespread voter discontent over what many consider an inefficient and corrupt political system. Her life story is cinematic itself. Maria Osmarina Marina

Silva Vaz de Lima, 56, grew up as one of eight children of an impoverished rubber tapper on a plantation deep in Brazil's Amazon region. Her mother died when Silva was just 15. After a childhood during which she was infected with malaria five times, at age 16 Silva was hit with hepatitis and her father sent her to the Acre state capital of Rio Branco for better health care. She decided to enter a convent to fulfill

and was elected as a Rio Branco city councilwoman in 1989. Two years later, she moved into the state legislature before becoming a federal senator in 1995. Newly elected President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva — no relation — made her his environment minister when he took power on Jan. 1, 2003. Silva left the post five years later after disagreements with other ministers on how to develop the Amazon re-



Marina Silva, presidential candidate for the Brazilian Socialist Party, campaigns in the Rocinha slum of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014.

(AP Photo/Leo Correa)

her dream of becoming a nun — and to finally learn to read and write. There, Silva had a political awakening when she came into contact with priests adhering to liberation theology, a Latin American-inspired movement that promoted rights for the poor. She helped found the local branch of a union representing impoverished Amazon agricultural workers and advocated side-by-side with famed rain forest defender Chico Mendes. Silva, who became a devout evangelical Christian, joined the now-ruling Workers Party in the mid-1980s

gion. She was particularly at loggerheads with Rousseff, who was then the nation's energy minister and who pushed an aggressive agenda of building hydroelectric dams and other projects in the Amazon to spur economic development. After joining the Green Party, Silva ran in the 2010 presidential election and won a surprising 20 percent of the vote despite having little campaign ad airtime. The Datafolha poll released late Friday showed Rousseff and Silva now even heading into the first round, each capturing 34 percent of voter intentions.



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ORANJESTAD - The second edition of the Electric Festival Aruba will take place from Wednesday 3 to Sunday 7 September. After the successful launch of the three-day festival in 2013, the Electric Festival (EF) has been extended to five days. On top of an extension of the festival part, the conference program will also be more elaborate. The EF is thereby making a next step on its way to becoming the biggest annual electronic music festival in the Caribbean.

The conference is being organized in collaboration with Amsterdam Dance Event. During the Electric Festival, Aruba is an important meeting place for representatives of record companies and music publishers, artist managers, agencies and programmers of venues and festivals. The conference and festival reinforce each other and form a perfect networking environment.

The first edition of the EF in 2013 was visited by over 15,000 people. For three

days Aruba turned into a party island with a large festival billing Chuckie, Erick Morillo and Nero, among others. It wasn't just Arubans who came to the EF. Visitors came from places such as Bonaire, Curacao, Surinam, the United States, Venezuela, Canada, Brazil and Colombia. And Europe was represented by people from the Netherlands, Spain, Austria, Ireland and Italy. Moreover, more than eighty journalists covered the event.

The Electric Festival is more than just music. Also art, the Caribbean kitchen and lifestyle are highlighted. During the event, Aruba is the scene of studio sessions, workshops and demonstrations by DJs, producers, artists and fans, showing once more that it's the center of the electronic dance movement in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Aruban tourist bureau is the main sponsor of the event, in the conviction that it will grow into an internationally esteemed



festival and that in its wake a surge of new visitors will come to discover Aruba. This will allow Aruba to grow further and also in the future be a welcoming place for tourists.

The original idea for the Electric Festival came from Chuckie. In 2012 he celebrated his birthday with a large party on Aruba, where the DJ, artist and producer has been living

for the last few years. No less than 850 people showed up, which led Chuckie, through his dance platform Dirty Dutch, to team up with the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) and Amsterdam Dance Event

(ADE) for the organization of the Electric Festival.

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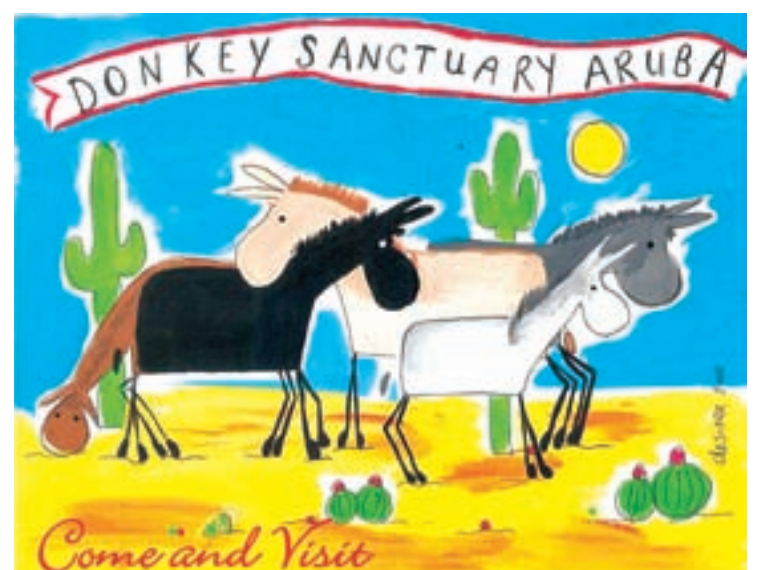


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Tango Argentine Restaurant Gets Glowing Tripadvisor Review



PALM BEACH - Sometimes there is true chemistry between waiters and guests in a restaurant. That is exactly what happened to Bonnie and Rob Almaraz at Tango Argentine Restaurant, located in the Arawak Garden. The husband and wife are first-timers on the island and when they saw the Tango ad in the Aruba Today they decided to give it a try. They loved it so much that in one week they came back four times! Their favorite dinner started off with a few cocktails, proceeding with a Shrimp Salad followed by a T-bone steak for Rob. While Bonnie, who wanted to keep her gorgeous body in shape, choose a Tango Salad with the 'Insalata Caprese' as main course. The entire Tango staff and especially Juan are very happy and grateful with the glowing review that Bonnie posted on TripAdvisor: "Located in major dining area next to all the hotels this is a Must Dine At Place! Food is Wonderful and all of the staff is absolutely amazing! Make Sure You Ask for Juan as your server. His amazing hospitality kept us coming back to dine there! His attention to your needs and likes is spot on and he always recommended something I loved as well as created my own special drink! Tango is a warm and romantic environment with live music. Food is fabulous. Thank you, Juan for an amazing experience and your amazing hospitality while we were in Aruba!" □

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Associated Press Henley takes a 1-shot lead at Deutsche Bank

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Mass. (AP) —

Russell Henley made five birdies in a seven-hole stretch Sunday on his way to a 6-under 65, giving him a one-shot lead in the Deutsche Bank Championship going into a Labor Day finish loaded with possibilities.

And that includes Rory McIlroy.

Coming off a week that was pedestrian by his standards, McIlroy got right back into the mix at the TPC Boston with his power and great iron play for a 64, leaving him just two shots behind on a crowded leaderboard.

"I've been in this position quite a lot recently," McIlroy said. "So I know how it's going to feel tomorrow."

It feels a lot like the FedEx Cup playoff opener a week ago at The Barclays, with more than a dozen players having a reasonable chance going into the final round. Ten players were separated by four shots at the Deutsche Bank Championship, and six of them already have won this season.

Henley was at 12-under 201. He will play in the final group with Billy Horschel, who birdied his last three holes for a 67.

Chris Kirk went toe-to-toe with McIlroy in the third round and matched his 64, coming within inches of an eagle on the final hole. They will play together again on Monday. Jason Day, who started Sunday tied with Ryan Palmer, reached 12 under with a short birdie putt on the 13th hole.

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GREAT DANE

Wozniacki bests Sharapova, David Ferrer upset

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Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, reacts after defeating Maria Sharapova, of Russia, during the fourth round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, in New York
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Wozniacki outlasts Sharapova in U.S. Open quarters

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NEW YORK (AP) — Caroline Wozniacki trusts her stamina so much that she plans to return to New York in two months to run a marathon.

Maria Sharapova, usually the one wearing down opponents in the third set, sure couldn't keep up on a steamy Sunday at the U.S. Open. Wozniacki won 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in 2 hours, 37 minutes to get back to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal in more than two years — and get back in the headlines for reasons other than her personal life.

"The season for me has been a little bit up and down," she said in quite an understatement, "and it's so nice to kind of start feeling like I'm playing the way I want to."

Because of the heat, the players received a 10-minute break before the final set; Sharapova returned to the court late, arguing with the chair umpire after receiving a time violation warning. Perhaps sensing that she was fresher than the five-time major champion, Wozniacki later complained that Sharapova was dawdling between points.

Her tardiness seemed to

swing the Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd's support squarely in Wozniacki's favor. When the 10th-seeded Dane broke Sharapova at love to go up 3-1 in the final set, she got a standing ovation from the fans and waved her arms to egg them on. Sharapova had appeared to hit a winner three times on that game's final point only for Wozniacki to somehow chase down the ball. Finally, Sharapova put a volley into the net.

Wozniacki mixed in just enough aggression with her signature defense to keep the pressure on Sharapova in the final set. "She's very good at getting a lot of balls back and making you hit another one," Sharapova said. "In the end, I went for a little too much."

She insisted the conditions didn't bother her. Sharapova had been 17-6 in three-set matches this year, including her come-from-behind second-round victory here.

The fifth-seeded Sharapova's loss leaves No. 1 Serena Williams as the only woman remaining of the top six.

After a sloppy first set with 21 unforced errors, Sharapova was paint-

ing the lines in the second. Wozniacki seemed to spend most of the set watching in dismay as one of Sharapova's 22 winners whizzed by.

nity."

She closed out the match by breaking Sharapova's serve again with a backhand winner. About a half-hour later, thunderstorms

over 19th-seeded Feliciano Lopez.

Wozniacki will next face 13th-seeded Sara Errani, who ended the run of qualifier Mirjana Lucic-Baroni with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-0 victory. As a 19-year-old, Wozniacki made the 2009 U.S. Open final, losing to Kim Clijsters, and reached No. 1 in the world the next year. But she hadn't been back to a Grand Slam quarterfinal since the 2012 Australian Open.

In the meantime, she was best known for getting engaged to star golfer Rory McIlroy — then getting dumped in late May after wedding invitations had gone out.

Wozniacki lost in the first round at the French Open soon thereafter and was upset in the fourth round at Wimbledon. She had been playing much better since, though, winning her first title in nine months at Istanbul then dropping a pair of three-set matches to Williams. Wozniacki also announced a month ago that she planned to run the New York City Marathon on Nov. 2 for charity, somehow squeezing in training during a busy fall season. Seems to be working out well mentally and physically on the tennis court. "Kind of clears my head," she said of the extra running. "I feel more free when I go on court." Wozniacki plans to stick around New York after the U.S. Open to attend Fashion Week — including her pal Williams' show — and get in some running in Central Park. The marathon prep has gone on hiatus the last few days, though. As Wozniacki deadpanned, "I have a pretty big tournament here that I kind of want to try and win." □



Maria Sharapova, of Russia, reacts after losing a point to Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, during the fourth round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, in New York.

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halted play with second-seeded Roger Federer down a break in the first set to Marcel Granollers. Federer acknowledged the two-hour delay helped him regroup. While Granollers won the first set, Federer dominated the rest of the way, winning 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Unlike the women's draw, the men's side didn't lose a top-10 player until Sunday, when fourth-seeded David Ferrer was upset by Gilles Simon in the third round 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3. Sixth-seeded Tomas Berdych swept 62nd-ranked Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Dominic Thiem, 20, made his first Grand Slam round of 16 with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 win

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But he missed a short par putt on the 14th and hooked his tee shot into high grass and had to pitch out, leading to another bogey on the 15th. Day also failed to birdie the par-5 18th and shot 69.

Palmer took bogey on two of the par 5s and shot 71 to fall four shots behind.

McIlroy won the British Open, a World Golf Championship and the PGA Championship to assert himself at No. 1 in the world. He had a chance to win early in the season until a late collapse in the Honda Classic, where Henley won the four-man playoff. Henley can look as good as anyone, and then he can disappear. He has missed eight cuts and has only two finishes in the top 20 since winning the Honda Classic. Now he is one round away at securing his spot in the Tour Championship, and perhaps giving U.S. captain Tom Watson one more person to consider for a Ryder Cup picks. But that one round seems far away considering the leaderboard, especially with McIlroy.

"He's obviously a tough guy to beat," Henley said. "But like I said, there's a lot of tough guys to beat. Rory has had a heck of a run and I'm sure he'll continue that."

Horschel is at No. 82 in the FedEx Cup and came to the Deutsche Bank hopeful of moving into the top 70 to advance to the BMW Championship next week. Now he's in the final group and adjusting his goals. He emerged late with a tap-in birdie at the 16th, a tough 12-footer on the 17th and a wedge to 5 feet on the final hole.

And while Kirk had the same type of bogey-free round as McIlroy, it was a lot tougher to ignore McIlroy. Two of his birdies on the back nine were inside a foot. Another was just over 4 feet from the flag, and his longest birdie on the back nine was 12 feet. He made birdie on the par-5 second with a two-putt from 8 feet.

"It feels normal," McIlroy said. "It feels like it's what

I'm supposed to do. It's my job to go out there and shoot good scores. I'm not getting too excited about it. I've got a lot of work to do tomorrow if I want to win this tournament."

McIlroy won the Deutsche Bank Championship two years ago.

Webb Simpson, among those under Ryder Cup consideration, overcame a double bogey to post a

68 and was three shots behind. Keegan Bradley also is in the hunt for one of the three captain's picks. He made only two birdies on a soft day for scoring and had a 69, leaving him four shots behind. □

Rory McIlroy lines up a putt on the 18th hole during the third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014.

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Down at half, U.S. beats Turkey in basketball worlds

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

BILBAO, Spain (AP) — Kenneth Faried scored 22 points, Anthony Davis all of his 19 in the second half, and the U.S. rebounded from a rare deficit at halftime to beat Turkey 98-77 on Sunday in the Basketball World Cup.

A night after beating Finland by 59 in its biggest rout ever while using NBA players in the former world championship, the Americans couldn't take control against Turkey until early in the fourth quarter.

They trailed 40-35 at halftime and Turkey led by six early in the third before the Americans could finally get the game into the quicker tempo they prefer and pull away to win the rematch of the 2010 gold-medal game in Istanbul.

But it was a much tougher one than expected after the Americans hammered Finland 114-55 while Turkey was being out-

played for most of its opener by New Zealand before pulling out the victory.

James Harden added 14 points for the U.S.

It was tied at 59 with 3:10 left in the third before the Americans closed the period with a 7-1 burst to lead 66-60 after Faried's basket. The U.S. then ran off 10 in a row to open the fourth and open a 76-60 cushion.

The Americans haven't lost since the semifinals of the 2006 world championship and outside of their victories over Spain in the last two Olympic gold-medal games, haven't been in danger much since then.

But they needed a long time to start looking like the team that is so considered the tournament favorite by so many.

It was 16-all after one, and Turkey controlled the tempo in the second quarter, getting to the foul line against a U.S. team that showed moments of frustration with the pace and some calls

that went against them. Baris Hersek and Emir Predzic made consecutive 3-pointers late in the half to give Turkey a 38-32 lead, and it was 40-35 when the teams went to the locker room. Unable to force the turnovers or missed shots to get their transition game going, the Americans looked ordinary in the halfcourt. Davis, who scored 17 points in the opener and had been the Americans' best player this summer, was scoreless with one rebounds in the half, playing just 10 ½ minutes while picking up two fouls. Derrick Rose showed his timing still isn't back after a nearly two-year absence, missing both shots, turning it over twice and not getting an assist.

Rose didn't get back into the game until the U.S. had opened the big fourth-quarter lead.

The Americans are off Monday before continuing pool play Tuesday against winless New Zealand.



United States's Kenneth Faried, goes for basket to dunk against Turkey during the Group C Basketball World Cup match, in Bilbao northern Spain, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014. Associated Press



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Ernst wins LPGA's Tour's Portland Classic in playoff

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PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Austin Ernst won the LPGA Tour's Portland Classic on Sunday with a par on the first hole of a playoff against South Korea's I.K. Kim.

It was the first professional victory for the 22-year-old Ernst, who shot a 5-under 67 in the final round to get to 14 under at Columbia Edgewater. Kim, the first- and second-round leader, carded a 68.

Kim missed an eight-foot par putt in the playoff that handed the win to the American.

A year ago as a rookie in Portland, Ernst shot a third-round 62 on the way to a ninth-place finish. In Ernst's mind, Columbia Edgewater was a likely place for her first career win.

"A lot of good memories coming into this year. I was very confident coming in, knowing I could make a lot of birdies," Ernst said. "I knew that I didn't have to do anything special today because I had three really good rounds to start with. Coming down the stretch, I was very proud of how I handled everything."

Ernst pulled into contention with a 5-under 31 on the front nine, highlighted by a chip-in eagle at the par-5 fifth. Kim made four birdies and no bogeys.

South Korean's So Yeon Ryu and Chella Choi tied for third at 12 under. Ryu, last week's Canadian Women's Open winner, shot 70, while Choi had a 68.

Ernst was in control after she converted a long birdie putt at the par-4 14th to get to 16 under and a two-stroke lead. But she stumbled down the stretch, missing the green at Nos. 17 and 18, resulting in bogeys.

That opened the door for Kim and Ryu, but only Kim capitalized. At the par-4 18th, Kim missed the green long with her second shot, but chipped to three feet and made the par putt to force a playoff. Ryu, at 14 under heading into 18, made double bogey after hitting her second shot from a fairway bunker into a greenside pond.

Ernst finished about 20 minutes before Kim and Ryu. First thing Ernst did, after signing her card, was call her father Mark.

"Those are probably two of the hardest holes on the

course. When I talked to my dad, he said if you made those bogeys anywhere else in the round, no one would say anything different. So, really solid round," Ernst said.

In the playoff, Ernst rolled a 35-foot putt to within 18 inches. Kim missed the green with her second shot, chipped to within eight feet, and then missed the par putt.

Kim, a three-time LPGA winner, was bidding for her first victory since 2010. After playing the entire final round without a bogey, Kim made one during the playoff.

"I've been missing quite a few of those. I think it's just the speed of the green," Kim said. "I played in a lot of playoffs, but I haven't won one yet. So it was in the back of my mind. But she deserves it."

At 18, Ryu was in position to win the tournament outright or earn a spot in the playoff, but her tee shot landed in a bunker. It got worse when Ryu hit her approach into the water.

The three third-round leaders faded. South Korea's Mi Jung Hur shot 73 to finish at 10 under, while defending



Austin Ernst kisses the trophy after winning the Portland Classic golf tournament in a playoff at Columbia Edgewater Country Club on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, in Portland, Oregon. She shot a four day total of 274.

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champion Suzann Pettersen of Norway and Spain's Carlota Ciganda were at 9 under after 74s.

France's Karine Ichter shot the day's low round of 66 to join a group at 11 under that included Denmark's Line Vedel and South Korea's Na Yeon Choi and Eun Hee Ji. Choi shot a 68, while Vedel and Ji each had a 70.

Anna Nordqvist of Sweden was at 8 under after carding a 69. Juli Inkster, the 1999 champion, shot 72 to finish 6 under.

Gigi Stoll, a senior at Beaverton High School who won the Portland Classic Amateur Open to earn a berth in the field, shot her third 71 of

the tournament to finish at 1 under.

South Korea's Jeong Jang and Hee Won Han played in their final LPGA event after announcing their retirement early last week. Jang was even par after a 72, while Han finished at 3 over following a 72.

Jang was a three-time runner-up at Portland during her career.

"Good to retire here. I'm never going to forget Portland," Jang said.

The LPGA Tour takes a one-week break before the season's fifth major, the Evian Championship in France from Sept. 11-14. Pettersen is the defending champion. □

Wlodarczyk's world record provides ISTAF highlight

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Olympic champion Robert Harting delighted home fans by winning the discus at the ISTAF athletics meet Sunday, only to be overshadowed by Anita Wlodarczyk's world record in the women's hammer throw. Wlodarczyk of Poland threw 79.58 meters on her second attempt to knock 16 centimeters off Betty Heidler's previous mark from 2011.

The European champion and Olympic silver medalist continued threatening the 80-meter mark with her next efforts at the IAAF Word Challenge meet.

"I was aiming for 80 meters and I know I am able to

throw it," said the 29-year-old Wlodarczyk, who set a world record when winning the 2009 world title at the same Olympic stadium.

Germany's Heidler finished second with 75.20.

Harting claimed the discus with a throw of 68.21 meters, 18 days after he claimed his second European title in Zurich. It was his 12th win of the season. "Wins are never boring," Harting said.

Lithuania's Virgilijus Alekna ended his impressive career with a throw of 61.84.

"It feels a bit sad but I was competing for a very long time," said the 42-year-old Alekna. "Berlin was the right place to close up my long career because it is the place where I started

so many times and it is a nice venue."

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Anita Wlodarczyk from Poland throws the hammer during the women's hammer throw competition at the ISTAF Athletics Meeting in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014. Wlodarczyk set a new world record with 79.58 meters.

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pion Mohammed Aman of Ethiopia provided another highlight by winning

dad and Tobago won the men's 100 meters in a modest time of 10.15 sec-

onds, while Jamaica's Keron Stewart claimed the women's sprint in 11.25.

In other men's events, Cuba's Orlando Ortega defeated compatriot Daylon Robles to win the 110 hurdles in 13.08, while Ethiopia's Mekonnen Gebremedhin set a personal best of 3:33.24 to win the 1,500.

Brunei's Ruth Jebet won the women's 3000 steeplechase in 9:26.94, Ethiopia's Tigist Assefa claimed the 800 in 2:00.16 and Tiffany Porter of Britain won the 100 hurdles in 12.64.

Germans claimed the women's and men's shot put, with European champions Christina Schwanitz and David Storl both winning. □

Moore rallies Lynx past Mercury 82-77

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- After playing her worst game of the season, Maya Moore recovered to keep the Minnesota Lynx season alive. The league's MVP scored 13 of her 32 points in the fourth quarter as the Lynx avoided elimination by beating the Phoenix Mercury 82-77 in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals on Sunday. Diana Taurasi scored 23 for the Mercury, who will host Game 3 on Tuesday night. Phoenix jumped out to a 22-9 lead after the first quarter, and after a dominant showing in Game 1, the Mercury had the three-time defending Western Conference champions on the ropes. But Moore, who was held to nine points on 3-for-9 shooting in the opener, said she trusted the process that made her team the best in the



Minnesota Lynx guard Seimone Augustus (33) fights for possession of the ball with Phoenix Mercury forward Mistie Bass, left, and forward Candice Dupree, right, during the first half of Game 2 of a WNBA basketball Western Conference finals, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, in Minneapolis. The Lynx won 82-77.
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send the sellout crowd into a frenzy.

"I think she had the mindset that she's the best player in the league and that nobody can stop her," Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said of Moore's dominant fourth quarter. "I think maybe she had a stretch in Game 1, not that she doubted that but she just didn't play with the assertiveness that we're accustomed to seeing."

Fellow UConn graduate Taurasi also has grown accustomed to seeing Moore score at will.

"She made a lot of shots tonight and when she does that it's pretty much impossible to guard her," Taurasi said. "You pretty much put everyone on her, but you can't do that because they've got Seimone, they've got Lindsay (Whalen)."

Minnesota dug itself an early hole and almost didn't recover. The Lynx made just 2 of 14 field goal attempts in the first quarter as they fell behind 22-9 after 10 minutes.

But with Moore and Augustus struggling, Whalen put the Lynx on her back. Whalen scored 12 of her 17 points in the second quarter and hit five mid-range jump shots as Minnesota recovered its shooting touch to make 47 percent of its shots the rest of the way.

"It can be really demoralizing to be missing shot after shot after shot and scoring nine points in a quarter," Reeve said. "We really needed to hang in there and not get our heads down. That's a credit to leadership, a credit to Lindsay Whalen in particular." Phoenix got 18 points and nine rebounds from Dupree, while Brittney Griner scored in 14 and Erin Phillips chipped in 10 off the bench. And despite letting a 13-point lead slip away, Taurasi said the Mercury could take plenty of positives out of the loss.

"I think for 35 minutes we were pretty good today," Taurasi said. "We'll just do what we do every single game, same mindset."

Quintana takes Vuelta lead, Anaconda wins 9th stage

ARAMON VALDELINARES, Spain (AP) — Nairo Quintana took the overall lead of the Spanish Vuelta from Movistar teammate Alejandro Valverde on a rainy and mountainous ninth stage won by Winner Anaconda of Colombia on Sunday. Anaconda, riding for Lampre Merida, separated from a large breakaway group before finally shedding Bob Jungels and then Javier Moreno on the final ascent of the 185-kilometer (115-mile) ride finishing at the category-one Aramon Valdelinares summit. It was the 26-year-old Anaconda's first career stage win. Anaconda missed several months in 2013 after fracturing his ankle while training. "This is the most important day of my career," Anaconda said. "I had my doubts that I would have the strength to reach the end, but I wanted to take advantage of the chance because I knew it would be tough later." After days of high temperatures followed by winds on Saturday, rain hit Sunday's stage early on and then returned with force as riders started to climb amid flashes of lightening with 25 kilometers to go. A late attack further back by Alberto Contador that only Quintana and Joaquim Rodriguez managed to match left Valverde and Chris Froome struggling to keep up and crossing around 20 seconds behind the other favorites.

Contador showed no signs of the fractured right shin that knocked him out of the Tour de France and had him doubtful about competing in the Vuelta.

"I saw some riders straggling and went for it," Contador said. "I'm still not in top shape to keep it up for a long stretch, but I am happy. I didn't prepare for the Vuelta, and only decided to come at the last minute, without proper training. I believe I will get stronger as we go forward, but I know there are other riders who have prepared more than I have." Quintana, the Giro d'Italia winner, finished with a three-second lead over Contador.

"In reality I didn't do much, I just arrived with the same time as the favorites, so it is basically a draw at this point," Quintana said. "My goal is to try and keep the red jersey. If I can't wear the red jersey until Santiago then at least I want to be able to wear it on the final day." Valverde fell to third at eight seconds behind, followed by Anaconda one more second back.

Froome dropped to 28 seconds back with Rodriguez now trailing by 30 seconds.

Monday is the first rest day of the 21-stage event, which then leaves the southern part of the peninsula to head toward the mountains in the north. The 69th edition ends in Santiago de Compostela on Sept. 14. □

league over her four-year career.

"We always believe in each other, and if we stick to what we're doing, something's eventually going to break," Moore said. "Because we're going to keep running it hard, trusting what we're doing, with discipline."

Tied at 75 with 23.3 seconds left, Seimone Augustus hit a 15-foot jumper and was fouled by DeWanna Bonner. Augustus, who finished with 23 points, converted the three-point play, and after Candice Dupree missed a 15-footer on the other end, Moore hit two free throws to put it out of reach for the Lynx.

Moore was an even bigger part of the comeback early in the fourth, as she hit three 3-pointers in a 13-0 Lynx run that gave them their first lead since they scored the first point of the game. Moore hit back-to-back 3's to pull Minnesota to within 65-62, and after Tan White made two free throws, Augustus scored down low to put Minnesota on top.

Then, with Little League World Series sensation Mo'Ne Davis on hand cheering her on, Moore then drained her fifth 3-pointer of the game to

Cleveland welcomes growing field of server farms

MARK GILLISPIE
Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — North-east Ohio is hardly ready to usurp Silicon Valley as a high-tech mecca, but a growing number of data centers are choosing to locate in and around Cleveland to take advantage of cheap power, an abundance of fiber-optic cable and one of the safest environments in the U.S. for storing digital information.

BYTEGRID, which got its start in northern Virginia, is investing millions to convert a small data center near downtown Cleveland into a large one capable of using enough electricity to power around 20,000 homes. At least one other company is looking for a site in Cleveland, and several more have established sites in the city and its suburbs.

"One of the things that is attracting data centers to Cleveland is we have a lot of industries with a lot of data," said Tracey Nichols, director of the city's Department of Economic Development.

Data centers do not create large numbers of jobs directly, Nichols said, but their existence is a big attraction to companies that use massive amounts of data. Hospitals and medical research centers such as the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals, for example, are prime customers for data centers. Nichols hopes these data centers will help grow the city's fledgling health tech corridor. Information technology companies like Rosetta and Brandmuscle have come to Cleveland, in part, because of its high-speed, fiber-optic data and Internet connections, Nichols and others said.

(113.4 gram)"We have a very robust fiber trunk that runs through Cleveland, which means excellent connectivity," Nichols said. Ken Parent, chief operating officer of BYTEGRID, said his company is spending millions to renovate and expand a data center on the edge of downtown because of that connectivity.

Connectivity is best described as the speed at which data flows. If copper wire, one of the means by which homes are connected with telephone, Internet and cable service, is a gentle stream, then fiber-optic cable is a raging river. Or think of it this way: It takes 33 tons of copper wire to transmit the same amount of data as one-quarter pound (113 grams) of fiber-optic cable, a single strand of which is thinner than a human hair.

It's ironic that a Rust Belt city like Cleveland, once a manufacturing giant brought to its knees by disruptive technologies and business models, is so well-suited to the Internet age. The superhighways of the 19th and early 20th centuries — rail lines — have proven to be the ideal conduit for routing fiber-optic cable, much like the telegraph lines of old.

"It's an infrastructure legacy," said Kevin Goodman, managing director and a partner in BlueBridge Networks, which has a downtown data center near Playhouse Square and a larger facility in suburban Mayfield Heights.

Servers, like all computers, hew to Moore's Law — computing power roughly doubles every two years. That means smaller and smaller computers that run faster and faster and are capable of holding even more data. But those smaller computers run hotter and require more electricity. At a data center, one kilowatt of electricity spent powering servers requires an equal amount of electricity to keep them cool.

And that is one of Cleveland's biggest attractions. Parent says power can cost 13 to 16 cents per kilowatt in the Northwestern U.S. but only 5 or 6 cents in Cleveland.

Goodman said BlueBridge wants to reduce its carbon footprint, but he acknowledged that high electric use is unavoidable.

"Power is king," he said. Data centers, sometimes called server farms, perform a number of vital services to businesses, both

high- and low-tech. They provide a secure environment for companies to put servers, which are computers loaded with applications and programs and hard drives for storing data. Companies lease servers from data centers and use them to create a cloud that allows them to operate without having to own or provide space for their own servers. And companies with their own servers also co-locate — lease server space to back up some or all of their data and to give themselves the means to operate should their own servers fail or should a catastrophic weather or seismic event



In this Aug. 29, 2014 photo, racks of servers are protected by steel cages at BlueBridge Networks in Cleveland.

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occur. In addition to connectivity, data centers sell security. The buildings in which server farms are located are typically thick, reinforced concrete and

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Time to ditch rising stocks, or stick with them?

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NEW YORK (AP) — Is it time to cash out of stocks?

The market has nearly tripled in a little over five years, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 2,000 for the first time on Tuesday. With each record, the temptation grows to take your winnings and flee.

Plenty of experts think stocks are about to drop. But many others offer compelling arguments for the rally to continue for years. The bulls point to a strengthening U.S. economy. They also like that companies have plenty of money to keep buying back their own stock.

The bears argue that stocks already reflect years of future profit gains. They also note that many economies around the world are stumbling and that U.S. interest rates could rise soon.

Remember, though, that even the best investors find it nearly impossible to time the market to catch the lows and highs.

The bull and bear cases in detail:

BULL CASE

A STRONGER ECONOMY:

Four of the past five bull markets have ended with investors selling in a recession, or bailing out because they anticipated one. The odds of a downturn any-

cent this year, then 3.4 percent in 2015, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates released Wednesday. One reason is companies are hiring at the

Analysts expect earnings from companies in the S&P 500 to rise 8 percent this year, then 12 percent in 2015, according to S&P Capital IQ.

terest payments on bonds, making stocks look more attractive by comparison. Many investors expect the Federal Reserve to start raising short-term rates in the middle of next year. If the Fed keeps the hikes small, the stock market might shrug it off.

That's what happened in the last round of Fed hikes, in 2004. The S&P 500 gained 9 percent that year.

Torsten Slok, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank Securities, notes that the short-term rates that helped drag stocks down at the end of the last seven bull markets were all higher than 4 percent. With the Fed holding those rates near zero, it could take many hikes for borrowing costs to rise enough to cause damage.

BEAR CASE

STOCKS NOT CHEAP: It's fine to forecast big profit gains well into the future, but what if prices fully reflect expected gains?

That's what many bears think. They cite the price-earnings ratio, or the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. If a share costs \$100 and the company is expected to earn \$5 per share in the coming year, the P/E ratio is 20.

The S&P 500 now trades at 15 times what companies are expected to earn over the next 12 months, according to FactSet. That is slightly above the 10-year average of 14.1.

The problem is, P/Es are often not reliable gauges of stock value. They are based on just one year's earnings, which can rise and fall along with the economy.

Many experts believe a better P/E is a "cyclically adjusted" ratio, which averages earnings over 10 years.

It is currently 26. That's far below the peak of 44 it reached in the late 1990s, but it's still very high. Since the end of World War II, the average is 18.3.



In this photo, trader Edward McCarthy, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. As stocks continue to rise, investors are wondering if it's time to sell.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

time soon? Not very high, at least based on the latest economic reports and forecasts.

The U.S. economy is expected to grow 1.5 per-

cent in 2015, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates released Wednesday. One reason is companies are hiring at the fastest pace in eight years. "This recovery will last several more years," says Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management.

LOW INTEREST RATES: Interest rates are low, and that's been great for stocks. They help lower borrowing costs for consumers and businesses. They also hold down in-

Rovio Chief, maker of Angry Birds, to step down

MARK SCOTT

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LONDON - The chief Angry Bird is leaving the nest.

Rovio, the Finnish gaming company behind the popular Angry Birds franchise, said Friday that its chief executive, Mikael Hed, would step down at the end of the year.

The management change comes at a pivotal time for Rovio, which in 2009 was one of the first mobile-gaming companies to become a global phenomenon, attracting millions of users who played Angry Birds on their cellphones and tablets.

The appointment of a new chief executive also comes as the privately held company struggles to respond

to the trend in mobile gaming toward so-called freemium games, which let users play for free but require buying upgrades to access premium content.

Rovio introduced its first freemium game, Angry Birds Go!, last year but has been diversifying into movies, animation and theme parks to reduce its reliance on online gaming. But the freemium business model is now encountering its own struggles, as some gamers and regulators question whether companies are misleading customers by not adequately disclosing the cost of the extras.

In a sign of how much Rovio has changed since the original Angry Birds game, the company now

generates nearly half its revenue from licensing the Angry Birds brand for consumer products like candy dispensers and lunchboxes, according to the company's latest annual financial report.

There is no clear sign yet, though, of whether Rovio's efforts will be successful. The company said earlier this year that its net profit for 2013 fell by more than 50 percent, to \$37 million, compared with the previous year.

Revenue rose only slightly, to \$216 million, from about \$200 million in 2012.

Hed co-founded Rovio with his cousin Niklas Hed in 2003. The company is majority-owned by Mikael Hed's father, Kaj Hed, who

is the chairman.

Mikael Hed will be replaced as chief executive by Pekka Rantala, the company's chief commercial officer, who previously spent 14 years working at the Finnish telecommunications giant Nokia.

Mikael Hed has been nominated to the company's board of directors, and will also become chairman of the company's animation and movie business.

"It has been an amazing ride," said Hed, who has typically worn a bright red Angry Birds hoodie during his public appearances. "In the coming months, I will be very happy to pass the hoodie to Pekka Rantala, who will take Rovio to the next level."

The S&P's slow, bumpy climb to 2,000 summit

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The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index has doubled in value, and it only took 16 1/2 years.

The index, which includes all the largest U.S. companies, climbed above 2,000 on Tuesday, 6,049 days after it first closed above 1,000 on Feb. 2, 1998. That is a compound annual return of 4.3 percent, which is a far cry from the 27 percent annual return when the index doubled from 500 to 1,000 in less than three years.

The ride up was anything but smooth. Along the way, there were two recessions, the last one called the Great Recession, each accompanied by a bear market that cut share prices in half. Since the market hit bottom in March 2009, the index has nearly tripled, rising at a rate of more than 15 percent a year.

Breaking that double into five segments - three bull markets and two bear markets - shows that there is truth to the biblical injunction that "the last shall be first, and the first last." The best stocks of the bull markets tended to be poor performers in the bear markets, while those that lagged on the way up recovered.

Technology and telecommunications issues soared until early 2000. But consumer staples - the things that consumers will always buy, like soup and soap - were deemed boring and lost about a quarter of their value from early 1998 through the peak on March 24, 2000.

Then the tech bubble burst, the economy went into recession and the stock market crumbled. Technology and telecommunications issues led the way down. But consumer staple stocks actually rose during the bear market that ended in autumn 2002.

It then took exactly seven years for stocks to rise to a new peak, this time led by energy stocks. In that move, health care and consumer staple stocks were the laggards. Those two sectors were then the best performers during the down phase, which ended on March 9, 2009. Financial stocks were by far the worst performers in that bear market. Since then, financials have been among the best performers among the 10 S&P sectors, although they remain far below their 2007 peaks.

The star sector was energy, which rose nearly 300 percent over the period. Oil traded for about \$17 a barrel when the S&P 500 first reached 1,000, and about \$94 when the index hit 2,000. Telecommunications stocks are about 19 percent below where they were in 1998, and financial stocks are only 10 percent higher.

Many stock investors no doubt did better than the S&P 500 since 1998. The Russell 2,000, an index of companies whose market capitalization is just below the 1,000 largest, rose 171 percent. And the smaller stocks in the S&P 500 generally did better than the large ones. An investment divided equally among all 500 stocks would have gained 229 percent.

Of course, saying that the S&P 500 has doubled since 1998 can be misleading. That ignores dividends, which if reinvested would have produced a gain of 171 percent. But it also ignores inflation. Adjust for that and share prices are just 36 percent higher than in 1998. Adjust for both of them, and the gain is 85 percent.

While taking 16.6 years to double seems awfully slow, it took 17.4 years to go from the first close over 100, in 1968, to the first one over 200, in 1985. A significant bear market in the 1970s intervened. And it took more than 29 years to go from the first close over 25, in 1929, to the first one over 50, in 1958. That period included the Great Depression. □

Sommer Column:

Market Tends to Win in Midterms

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Will the Republicans win control of Congress? With summer drawing to a close, the midterm election is just two months away, and this question is likely to be analyzed and debated with increasing urgency.

But for the stock market, the answer may not matter at all: The market has a tendency to rally no matter which party wins a midterm election. That's what the historical record suggests, anyway.

In fact, from the standpoint of stock market history, political outcomes aren't very relevant, but the calendar is. September is typically a difficult and volatile month for stocks, while in a midterm election year the clouds over Wall Street have tended to lift in October. Regardless of which side has won in a November midterm election, the market has generally prospered for the rest of the year. And it has excelled in the next calendar year, typically the most propitious year for stocks in what is often called the four-year presidential cycle.

If you believe in this market cycle, we are now at an interesting moment.

"Once we get past September we will be entering what has historically been the sweet spot of the presidential cycle," said Ed Clissold, the U.S. market strategist for the Ned Davis Research Group and co-author of a recently published "Mid-Term Election Handbook," which is concerned far more with the stock market than with congressional politics.

The Stock Trader's Almanac has been slicing and dicing these market patterns since Yale Hirsch, its former editor, popularized them in its first edition in 1968. It has chronicled glaring differences in the performance of the Dow Jones industrial average that appear to be loosely linked to the political calendar.

Here are that compendium's current calculations

for the average annual gain of the Dow Jones industrial average in each year of a presidential term, going back to the beginning of the 20th century: 6.2 percent for Year 1, 4 percent for Year 2 (which this midterm year would be), 12.4 percent for Year 3 and 7.5 percent for Year 4. What to make of all this? The data can be endlessly fascinating, in the way baseball or soccer statistics can be. (Forgive me, Brit-

mance doesn't guarantee future returns. Virtually no one recommends using historical market patterns as simple templates for investing.

"We believe these patterns are worth considering," Clissold said. "But we don't believe they ought to be anyone's main input for investing."

Why even consider them, then? Aside from their entertainment value, the most compelling reason is



President George W. Bush speaks at the White House in Washington, in this May 1, 2007 file photo. Regardless of whether the party in power or opposition fares better in midterm elections, the stock market generally prospers the following year — part of what is often called the four-year presidential cycle.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

ain: For you, it's "football.") They may be best used as light entertainment.

Goldman Sachs, you may recall, engaged in an elaborate statistical study to handicap the recent World Cup, predicting, erroneously, that Brazil would win it all and noting that, based on historical patterns, a victory could give Brazil's stock market a one-month, 3.5-percentage-point performance edge. Brazil's disappointing play in the World Cup demonstrated the limits of high-powered forecasting, but even if Brazil had won, it would have been the height of foolishness to have made an investment on the sole basis of any of those numbers. Still, they were fun for fans and market wonks to contemplate. So let's be clear: These are merely patterns, not reliable statistics. As the saying goes, past perfor-

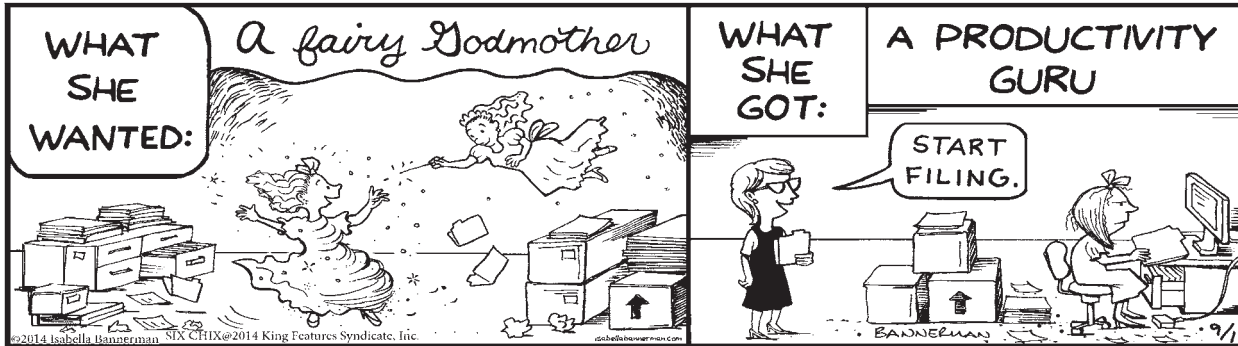
simple: They may help explain what is going on in the world. A sizable cottage industry of Wall Street prognosticators and academics regularly dabbles in the dark arts of election cycles, economics and market movements. In his seminal study, "Predicting Presidential Elections and Other Things," Yale economist Ray C. Fair points out that the state of the economy and the results of elections for president and Congress appear tightly correlated. He hypothesizes that a strong economy helps the incumbent president and his party, and many analysts make similar assumptions.

Regardless of the outcome in the Senate, Republicans are virtually assured of retaining control of the House, so power in Washington will remain divided, and that's been good for stocks, Hickey said. □

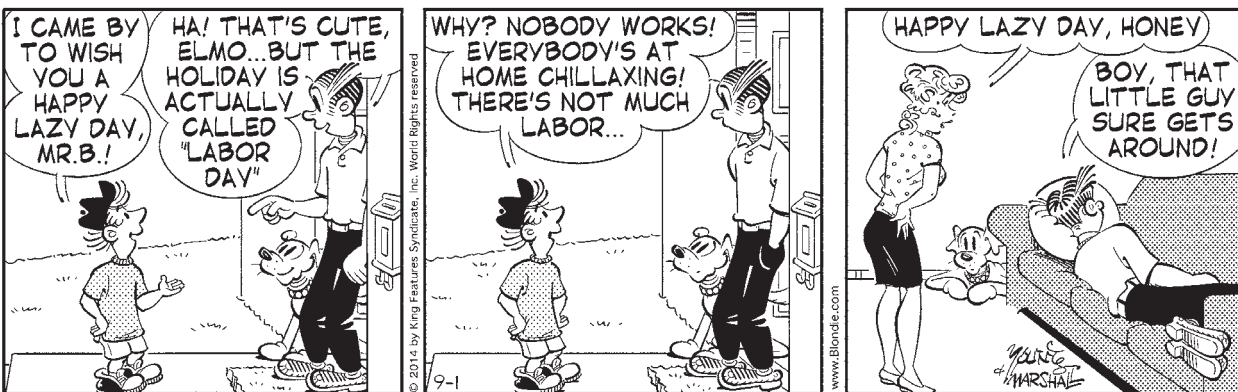
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

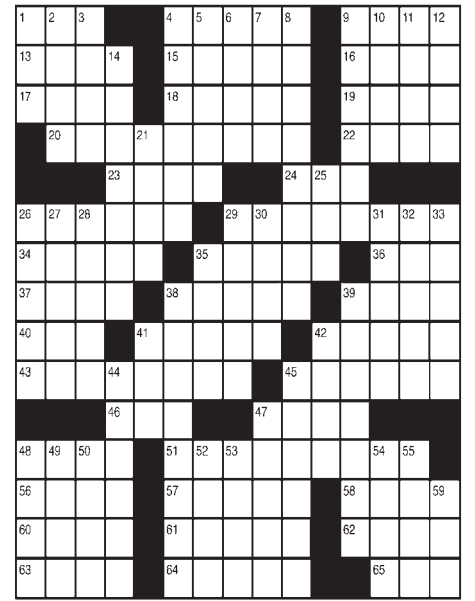
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- Ladder step
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Hinder
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- Primary
- Evergreen tree
- Calf meat
- Therefore
- Doris or Dennis

No Canvas, No Leather: A Reboot for the Sneaker

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When people first pick up a pair of sneakers designed by Steven Weinreb, they are typically perplexed. "They'll say, 'Oh my God, these are extremely lightweight, and they're so cool-looking,'" Weinreb says. "But they're made out of paper."

The shoes are actually made from Tyvek, a material that is as light as paper, but also water-resistant and relatively sturdy and breathable. The soles are rubber. Weinreb sells the shoes online and in boutique shoe stores nationwide through his company Civic Duty, based in Secaucus, New Jersey.

If you've had your attic insulated in the past 30 years, attended a concert requiring a wristband for re-entry, or sent or received a package, you've probably used Tyvek. Created by DuPont in 1955, it is made from high-density polyethylene fibers and was originally used, and continues to be used, for things like labels and book jackets. Tyvek has also been used in hazmat suits, banners, medical and industrial packaging, and covers for cars and boats. Now designers are fashioning shoes, bags and other accessories from it.

The shoes are a new addition to the minimalist-footwear trend established by brands like Crocs and Vibram, with its FiveFingers line, known as the barefoot running shoes. Running shoe companies have long been reducing the weight of athletic footwear, and Nike is now using polyester yarn in some of its lightweight shoes.

"I call it techno-fashion with a sustainability sensibility," Shawn Grain Carter, associate professor of fashion merchandising management at the Fashion Institute of Technology, says of the new designs.

"You've now got this consciousness of not just fashion for fashion's sake, but fashion to protect the environment," she says. "Tyvek is a nonwoven material that meets both those

qualities. It's postindustrial. It's futuristic. It's postmodern."

Civic Duty markets its Tyvek sneakers as easy on the environment and suitable for those who shun clothing made from animal prod-



Steven Weinreb, the founder of Civic Duty, with shoes and other items his firm makes, in New York. Rubber soles aside, the sneakers are made of Tyvek, a lightweight but sturdy and water-resistant material often found in labels and book jackets — in keeping with trends toward minimalist footwear.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)

ucts. Civic Duty recycles customers' shoes at special recycling centers that convert them into "a picnic table or a park bench or something else that's made from the Tyvek, itself," Weinreb says. (For recycling, customers must send the used shoes back to the company.)

Since Civic Duty's founding in 2009, its sales have totaled about \$8 million, Weinreb said.

One of his competitors has taken a similar path, focusing its marketing on both environmental and cool factors. The three co-founders of Unstitched Utilities, in East Brunswick, New Jersey, met while working at Fila, the sports clothing and footwear company. One co-founder, Kevin Crowley, had worked in the hazmat-suit industry. Several years ago, the group began experimenting with Tyvek in shoe designs, and they later dabbled in using recycled magazines (cut into strips and sewn together) as a shoe material. Now they sell sports shoes made from Tyvek as well as canvas.

"Tyvek is a difficult material to work with," says Jack Steinweis, another co-founder. "You've got to really know what you're doing, and we had the right information."

Steinweis and his partners initially wanted to make the shoes in the United States, but couldn't find a factory willing to work with Tyvek or able to do it affordably.

Unstitched Utilities began

Unbelievable Testing Laboratory was started in China two years ago by Token Hu, who was working at the design firm Frog Design. He began experimenting with Tyvek sneakers when his wife routinely couldn't find shoes she liked that fit her very small feet. Hu eventually left his job and started Unbelievable Testing Laboratory. It is now based in both Shanghai and Las Vegas and is marketing its products to 23- to 35-year-old men who "work in the design, technology, I. and engineering spaces," says Joseph Constanty, a co-founder, adding that the company does not actively market an environmental aspect.

The company sells the shoes on its website for \$68 to \$78; it also offers a Tyvek wallet. Unbelievable Testing Laboratory has also begun using a Kevlar blend and a microfiber in its shoe designs. In September, the company will start a Kickstarter campaign to help finance the manufacturing of a new Kevlar-and-Tyvek boot that it's calling the Moon Boot. □

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Census: Orca population in Puget Sound falling

FRIDAY HARBOR, Washington (AP) — With two new deaths this year and no new calves since 2012, the population of endangered killer whales in the Puget Sound continues to decline.

The number of whales in J, K and L pods has dropped to 78, a level not seen since 1985, According to a census by the Center for Whale Research. Adding to the concerns, the whales appear to be "splintering" from their pods, which are their basic social groups. Since 1976, Ken Balcomb of the research center has been observing the Puget Sound orcas, or Southern Residents as they're known among scientists. Balcomb compiles an annual census of the population for submission to the federal government.

Historically, all three pods of orcas have come together in the San Juan Islands during summer months, often feeding and socializing in large groups, Balcomb noted. But for the past few years, the pods have divided themselves into small groups, sometimes staying together but often staying apart.

"What we're seeing with this weird association pattern is two or three members of one pod with two or three from another pod," Balcomb said. "It's a fragmentation of the formal social structure, and you can see that fragmentation going further. They are often staying miles and miles apart and not interacting. 'If we were trying to name the pods now, we couldn't do it,' he added. 'They aren't associating in those patterns anymore.'"

Among killer whales, off-

spring tend to stay with their mothers for life, sustaining identifiable "matrilines" that typically contain youngsters, their mothers and their grandmothers. So far, the matrilines have stayed together, though

turn the situation around, he said. Society's dependence on hatcheries, harvest and hydropower have diluted the wild salmon populations and made long-term recovery increasingly difficult.

1970s, the Southern Resident population was reduced dramatically when orcas were captured for marine parks and aquariums throughout the world. After that practice ended, their numbers grew to 98

cally had a calf every five years or so, Balcomb said. If that pattern were to return, the population would be growing again, he said. "If everybody crosses their fingers and hopes for a return to that pattern, we could have eight babies next year," he said. "But the chances of that happening are pretty slim."

Meanwhile, the number of "transient" orcas, which prey on sea mammals, appears to be increasing. Transients used to frequent Puget Sound in winter months, Balcomb said, "but we're seeing an increasing trend of occurrence of transients year round."

Transient orcas historically traveled in small groups, but now their groups are growing larger, possibly because the population of marine mammals, upon which they prey, can support more of these top-level predators.

Since transients don't eat fish, they are not in competition for food with the Southern Residents. And, as they have done since the first observations, transients still tend to move away when Southern Residents approach, Balcomb said.

"Transients change direction when Southern Residents are around, and there is no evidence of combat," he said. □



In this March 7, 2011 file photo, trainers Joe Sanchez, left, Brian Faulkner and Kelly Aldrich, right, work with killer whales Trua, front, Kayla, center, and Nalani during the Believe show in Shamu Stadium at the SeaWorld Orlando theme park in Orlando, Fla. **Associated Press**

many of these groups are now smaller.

Balcomb suggests that the primary factor for the population decline is a lack of food for the killer whales, which generally prey on chinook salmon passing through the San Juan Islands on the way back to Canada's Fraser River. The whales have a strong preference for chinook, typically larger and fatter fish, but they will eat other species of salmon and even other fish sometimes.

"The salmon issue is huge, and it is ongoing," Balcomb said.

Chinook runs continue to decline in most areas, and state and federal salmon managers seem unable to

The two orcas that are missing and presumed dead are L-53, a 37-year-old female named Lulu; and L-100, a 13-year-old male named Indigo. Lulu's mother died in 2010, and she never had any siblings nor offspring of her own. Both were members of L pod, the Kitsap Sun reports (<http://is.gd/MxyJHw>).

During the 1960s and early

in 1995, then dropped to 80 in 2001 — the year the whales were proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Since then, their population has gone up and down by a few whales each year, dropping from 88 in 2011 to 78 today.

In the early days of killer-whale research, females of reproductive age typi-

U.S. protects 20 species of coral as threatened

SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is protecting 20 types of colorful coral by putting them on the list of threatened species, partly because of climate change. As with the polar bear, much of the threat to the coral species is because of future expected problems due to global warming, said David Bernhart, an endangered-species official at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These coral species are already being hurt by climate

change "but not to the point that they are endangered yet," he said.

Climate change is making the oceans warmer, more acidic and helping with coral diseases like bleaching — and those "are the major threats" explaining why the species were put on the threatened list, Bernhart said in a Wednesday conference call.

Other threats include overfishing, runoff from the land, and some coastal construction, but those are lesser, Bernhart said.

Five species can be found

off the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts of Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They include pillar coral, rough cactus coral and three species of star coral. The other 15 are in the Pacific Ocean area near Guam and American Samoa, but not Hawaii.

The agency looked at listing 66 species, but Wednesday listed only 20 for various reasons. All are called threatened, not endangered. Two coral species were already listed. Coral reefs, which are in trouble worldwide, are important fish habitats. □



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NY's Electric Zoo music fest shut down by storms

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Electric Zoo music festival was shut down in the face of powerful thunderstorms Sunday, forcing thousands of people to leave its island setting and marking its second cancellation in as many years.

As some of electronic music's big names — including Kaskade and Jack U, a collaboration of Grammy Award-winner Skrillex and DJ Diplo — prepared to play the three-day event's final night, organizers and city officials called it off and ordered Randall's Island evacuated around 4:30 p.m., organizers said. The National Weather Service had issued flash-flood warnings as downpours and lightning loomed.

"We apologize to our fans, but ultimately our main concern is for the safety and security of all attendees, artists and staff," spokesman

Stefan Friedman said in a statement.

The festival's final day was axed last year after two fans died of overdoses of MDMA, also known as molly or ecstasy, combined with overheating. Organizers tried to set a safer, more security-conscious tone this year, shortening each day by two hours, compelling festival-goers to watch a video about MDMA and adding drug-sniffing dogs, peers watching for people feeling ill, a cooling tunnel and other measures.

This year, the cancellation came about three hours into the last day, with throngs of music-lovers already at the 27-acre (11-hectare) venue in the East River. Many had to board ferries or shuttle buses to get off the island. Organizers said the evacuation was orderly. Police had no immediate information. The fire department hadn't gotten any reports of injuries during the festival



A help center, where attendees can get free water and electrolytes, and red cross balloon marking a medical tent can be seen at the Electric Zoo music festival venue on New York's Randall's Island, Friday, Aug. 29, 2014.
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or its evacuation. As fans headed for the exits, some tweeted their frustrations, noting that it was the second year in a row that the show's final night hadn't gone on. And some artists posted their regrets. "I can't believe this!! I was so looking forward" to playing Sunday night, tweeted

the Swedish DJ Alesso, one of the night's headliners. The Australian duo What So Not, meanwhile, wrote, "Sadly won't be playing NYC today. ... Who wants to hit the bar?" Earlier on Sunday, Friedman said there hadn't been any major problems, with some fans making use of

the cooling tent and other safety features. Police had no immediate information on whether there had been any arrests. The 5-year-old Electric Zoo has become a popular stop on the circuit for fans of electronic dance music, a growing presence in pop in recent years. □

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Pittsburgh-based reality show 'The Chair' to debut

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Viewers of a new TV reality show will soon find out what happens when two fledgling directors are given \$850,000 to direct their own movies from the same script.

"The Chair" debuts Sept. 6 on the cable network Starz and documents the making of both movies. The show will be followed shortly after by the theatrical and digital releases of the two movies at the center of the docuseries.

The 10-week series will air in one-hour installments each Saturday through mid-November. It's the brainchild of Chris Moore, who produced the movies "American Pie" and "Good Will Hunting."

Both movies in the docuseries are based on a script by Dan Schoffer called "How Soon is Now." They are coming-of-age stories about friends who return home to western Pennsylvania during their first Thanksgiving holiday break in college.

Shane Dawson's adaptation, "Not Cool," is a broader comedy similar in tone to "Superbad" and other teen films, he said. Dawson, a 26-year-old Los Angeles filmmaker known for his YouTube shorts, stars in his version. The other version, "Hollidaysburg," is a more "thoughtful, introspective and grounded" approach, said Anne Martemucci, a 32-year-old screenwriter and actress who makes films with her husband.

Her movie is named for a



In this March 2014 photo provided by Point Park University, director Anna Martemucci, with headphones, works on the set of her film, "Hollidaysburg," in Carnegie, Pa. Television network Starz debuts a TV reality series "The Chair" on Sept. 6, 2014.

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small town near State College, where Martemucci spent the first 20 years of her life.

"It was really important for me to make a teen movie that was based on my experiences," Martemucci said. "It was just too good that I got to make a coming-of-age movie in the place where I came of age."

Setting the movies in and around Pittsburgh wasn't just a matter of artistic license. The project was based there because a key partner on the project is Pittsburgh-bred pro-

ducer and actor Zachary Quinto, who plays Spock in the most recent "Star Trek" movies.

Quinto and partner Corey Moosa's production company, "Before the Door," have networked with western Pennsylvania's burgeoning film industry, including movie incubator Steeltown Entertainment and Point Park University. More than 100 Point Park students and alumni worked on the series or one of the two movies or served as paid interns.

"You really can't recreate that any more than you

can recreate a play in the classroom," said Ronald Lindblom, the vice president and artistic director of Point Park's Conservatory of Performing Arts. "They spent several weeks, hands-on, in a day-to-day operation."

The final two episodes will include audience reaction to the two movies, as well as behind-the-scenes information about the movies' release and marketing.

While Moore expects the show will serve as a promo for the movies, and vice versa, he also expects some moviegoers will see

both films without realizing they're part of this grand experiment.

"They'll be like, 'Is that allowed? Are you allowed to release two movies with the same plot?'" Moore said. Viewers can vote on which film they like better by completing an online survey. The winning director will get \$250,000, but both say the experience and exposure were invaluable. "My whole goal was just to get my first movie made — whether it was terrible or whether it was amazing," Dawson said. "Luckily, the movie's great." □

The Fall of France



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François Hollande, the president of France since 2012, coulda been a contender. He was elected on a promise to turn away from the austerity policies that killed Europe's brief, inadequate economic recovery. Since the intellectual justification for these policies was weak and would soon collapse, he could have led a bloc of nations demanding a change of course. But it was not to be. Once in office, Hollande promptly folded, giving in completely to demands for even more austerity.

Let it not be said, however, that he is entirely spineless. This week, he took decisive action, but not, alas, on economic policy, although the disastrous consequences of European austerity grow more obvious with each passing month, and even Mario Draghi, the president of the European Central Bank, is calling for a change of course. No, all Hollande's force was focused on purging members of his government daring to question his subservience to Berlin and Brussels. It's a remarkable spectacle. To fully appreciate it, however, you need to understand two things. First, Europe, as a whole, is in deep trouble. Second, however, within that overall pattern of disaster, France's performance is much better than you would guess from news reports. France isn't Greece; it isn't even Italy. But it is letting itself be bullied as if it were a basket case.

On Europe: Like the United States, the euro area - the 18 countries that use the euro as a common currency - started to recover from the 2008 financial crisis midway through 2009. But after a debt crisis erupted in 2010, some European nations were forced, as a condition for loans, to make harsh spending cuts and raise taxes on working families. Meanwhile, Germany and other creditor countries did nothing to offset the downward pressure, and the European Central Bank, unlike the Federal Reserve or the Bank of England, didn't take extraordinary measures to boost private spending. As a result, the European recovery stalled in 2011 and has never really resumed.

At this point, Europe is doing worse than it did at a comparable stage of the Great Depression. And even more bad news may lie ahead, as Europe shows

every sign of sliding into a Japanese-style deflationary trap.

How does France fit into this picture? News reports consistently portray the French economy as a dysfunctional mess, crippled by high taxes and government regulation. So it comes as something of a shock when you look at the actual numbers, which don't match that story at all. France hasn't done well since 2008 - in particular, it has lagged Germany - but its overall GDP growth has been much better than the European average, beating not only the troubled economies of southern Europe but creditor nations like the Netherlands. French job performance isn't too bad. In fact, prime-aged adults are a lot more likely to be employed in France than in the United States. Nor does France's situation seem particularly fragile. It doesn't have a large trade deficit, and it can borrow at historically low interest rates.

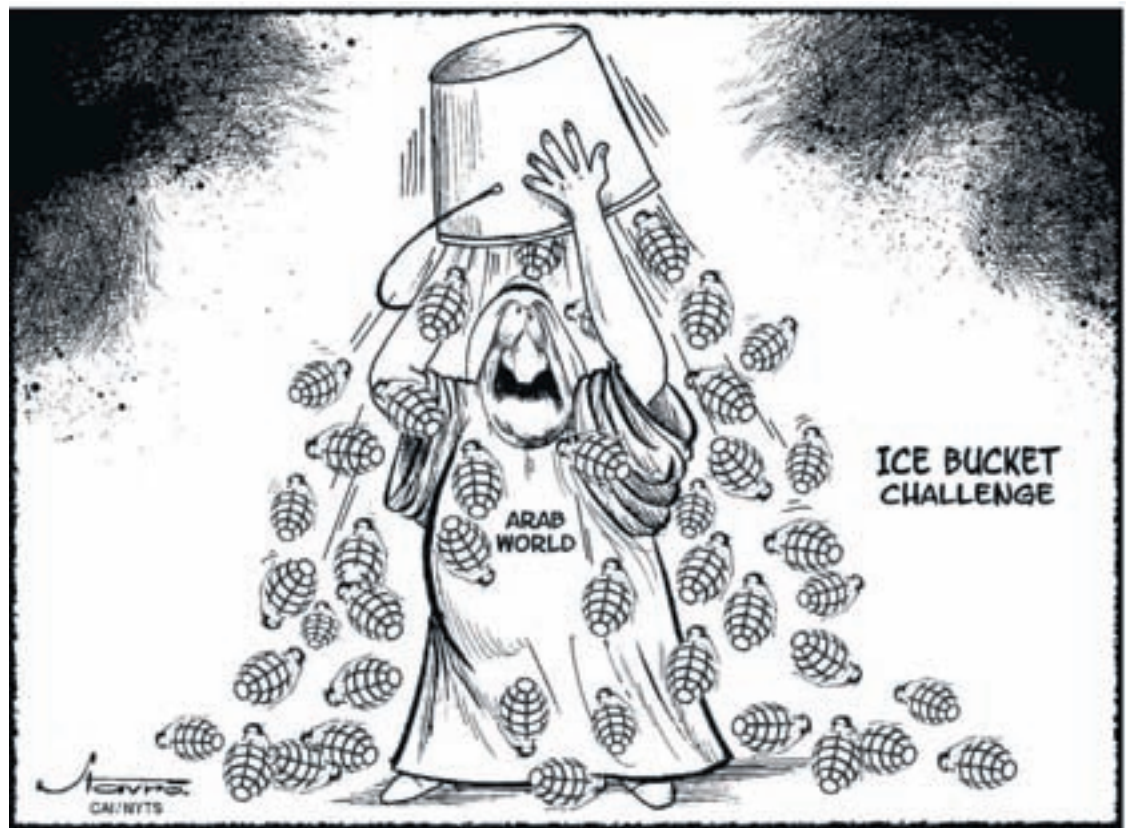
Why, then, does France get such bad press? It's hard to escape the suspicion that it's political: France has a big government and a generous welfare state, which free-market ideology says should lead to economic disaster. So disaster is what gets reported, even if it's not what the numbers say.

And Hollande, even though he leads France's Socialist Party, appears to believe this ideologically motivated bad-mouthing. Worse, he has fallen into a vicious circle in which austerity policies cause growth to stall, and this stalled growth is taken as evidence that France needs even more austerity. It's a very sad story, and not just for France.

Most immediately, Europe's economy is in dire straits. Draghi, I believe, understands how bad things are. But there's only so much the central bank can do, and, in any case, he has limited room for maneuvering unless elected leaders are willing to challenge hard-money, balanced-budget orthodoxy. Meanwhile, Germany is incorrigible. Its official response to the shake-up in France was a declaration that "there is no contradiction between consolidation and growth" - hey, never mind the experience of the past four years, we still believe that austerity is expansionary.

So Europe desperately needs the leader of a major economy - one that is not in terrible shape - to stand up and say that austerity is killing the Continent's economic prospects. Hollande could and should have been that leader, but he isn't.

And if the European economy continues to stagnate or worse, what will become of the European project - the long-term effort to secure peace and democracy through shared prosperity? In failing France, Hollande is also failing Europe as a whole - and nobody knows how bad it might get. □



Is Everyone a Little Bit Racist?



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Let's start with what we don't know: the precise circumstances under which a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, shot dead an unarmed black teenager named Michael Brown.

But here's what evidence does strongly suggest: Young black men in America suffer from widespread racism and stereotyping, by all society - including African-Americans themselves.

Research in the past couple of decades suggests that the problem is not so much overt racism. Rather, the larger problem is a broad swath of people who consider themselves enlightened, who intellectually believe in racial equality, who deplore discrimination, yet who harbor unconscious attitudes that result in discriminatory policies and behavior.

Scholars have found that blacks and Hispanics treated by doctors for a broken leg received pain medication significantly less often than white patients with the same injury. School administrators suspend black students at more than three times the rate of white students. Police arrest blacks at 3.7 times the rate of whites for marijuana possession, even though surveys find that both use marijuana at roughly similar rates.

Two scholars sent out nearly 5,000 résumés in response to help-wanted ads, randomly al-

ternating between stereotypical white-sounding names and black-sounding names. They found that it took 50 percent more mailings to get a callback for a black name. A white name yielded as much benefit as eight years of experience, according to the study, published by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

These doctors, principals, prosecutors and recruiters probably believe in equality and are unaware that they are discriminating. So any national conversation about race must be a vivisection of challenges far broader and deeper than we might like to think.

Joshua Correll of the University of Colorado at Boulder has used an online shooter video game to try to measure these unconscious attitudes (you can play the game yourself at <http://www.csun.edu/~dma/FPST/study.php>). The player takes on the role of a police officer who is confronted with a series of images of white or black men variously holding guns or innocent objects such as wallets or cellphones. The aim is to shoot anyone with a gun while holstering your weapon in other cases.

Ordinary players (often university undergraduates) routinely shoot more quickly at black men than at white men, and are more likely to mistakenly shoot an unarmed black man than an unarmed white man.

I'm typical. The first time I took the test, years ago, I shot armed blacks in an average of 0.679 seconds while waiting slightly longer - 0.694 seconds - to shoot armed whites. I also holstered more quickly when confronted with unarmed whites than with unarmed blacks.

In effect, we have a more impulsive trigger finger when confronted by black men and are more cautious with whites. This is true of black players as well, apparently because they absorb the same cultural values as everyone else: Correll has found no statistically

significant difference between the play of blacks and that of whites in the shooting game.

"There's a whole culture that promotes this idea of aggressive young black men," Correll notes. "In our minds, young black men are associated with danger."

Further evidence for these unconscious attitudes toward race come from implicit association tests, a window into how our unconscious minds work. You can take them online at <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/>.

One finding is that we unconsciously associate "American" with "white." Thus, in 2008, some California college students - many who were supporting Barack Obama for president - unconsciously treated Obama as more foreign than Tony Blair, the former British prime minister. Likewise, Americans may be factually aware that Lucy Liu is an American actress and Kate Winslet is British, but the tests indicated that Americans considered Liu as more foreign than Winslet. Yet we needn't surrender to our most atavistic impulses. Prejudice is not immutable, and overall the progress in America on race is remarkable. In 1958, 4 percent of Americans approved of black-white marriages; today, 87 percent do.

There's some evidence that training, metrics and policies can suppress biases or curb their impact. In law enforcement, more cameras - police car cams and body cams - create accountability and may improve behavior. When Rialto, California, introduced body cams on police officers, there was an 88 percent decline in complaints filed about police by members of the public. Yet an uncomfortable starting point is to understand that racial stereotyping remains ubiquitous, and that the challenge is not a small number of twisted white supremacists but something infinitely more subtle and complex: People who believe in equality but who act in ways that perpetuate bias and inequality. □

Where It's All About Lunch

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On a recent summer afternoon, it was a busy scene outside the Ashland Food Co-op, where the lunch menu is the biggest draw. Inside it was so crowded at the certified organic Food Co-op (ashlandfood.coop), a grocery store and popular restaurant that reopened its

lunch deli in July after a major renovation, that it was hard to enter. "We have a charisma, a magnetic field that pulls people down to the vortex that is the Food Co-op at lunchtime," Annie Hoy, communications manager, said. She encouraged out-of-town visitors to try the new carnitas tacos (\$2.50) and Paleo bowl (\$7.99) at

the co-op's deli.

In this last year and a half, at least 10 food spots have opened or undergone renovations in Ashland, a southern Oregon town of just 20,000, boosting its reputation as an emerging culinary destination. Nearly half of these restaurants are focusing on lunch. The new lunch craze is a hyper-local



A Chicago Italian beef sandwich at Sammich, a Chicago-style lunch spot in Ashland, Ore.

(Chris Pietsch for The New York Times)

healthful food trend that allows both budget travelers and well-heeled tourists to enjoy the produce and artisanal products this region has to offer. At least 300,000 visitors come to Ashland each year for the 10-month-long Oregon Shakespeare Festival (which ends on Nov. 2), outdoor recreation like white-water rafting, hiking and mountain biking, and the wineries.

The Lunch Show (thelunch-showashland.com) opened in downtown Ashland in April. The goal is to "keep it simple and make everything from scratch, because that's what people want," said Elisa Boulton, owner and manager, who trained at the Cordon Bleu in Paris. This restaurant is a foodie favorite, with a high-end menu of dishes like house-cured ham with sautéed pears, pickled onions and cheddar (\$8.50) and organic greens with pickled beets, Oregon blue cheese, shaved onion, baby tomatoes and buttermilk dressing (\$8) that changes daily based on what is seasonally available.

Even the soft drinks - turmeric, birch beer and bee pollen (Wylie's Honey Sodas), and sauerkraut (Pickled Planet) - are made within biking distance of Ashland at Sammich (sammichashland.com), a noisy Chicago-style sandwich place with picnic tables in the back, run by the owner, Melissa McMillan. But beware what you ask for. Expect the slow-roasted Chicago Italian beef sandwich (\$10) to be wet and the pastrami hot, with crunchy slaw inside (\$12). □

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